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Houston Texas Two Step® Player Collects \$1.1 Million Prize

(Austin, July 30) - Today, the Texas Lottery Commission presented Avis Smith Gunnells of Houston a jackpot prize of \$1.1 million. Gunnells held the sole jackpot winning *Texas Two Step*® ticket for the drawing held on July 15. She received \$825,000, after taxes.

Gunnells purchased her Quick Pick ticket at Handy Stop #82, located at 12050 ½ Beamer in Houston. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the top-prize winning ticket.

"It's been a great year for *Texas Two Step* players," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Ms. Gunnells is the fourth winner we've had to win a cash prize of a million dollars or more with *Texas Two Step*. Since the game began in 2001, players have won more than \$90 million."

Gunnells matched all four numbers plus the Bonus Ball to win the jackpot prize. In addition, there were 26,240 other tickets with winning combinations for the July 15 drawing. The numbers drawn were: 25 - 10 - 32 - 26 and the Bonus Ball number was 21.

Friday's *Texas Two Step* jackpot is worth \$400,000.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at http://www.txlottery.org