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Houston Man Wins \$50,000 Per Year For 10 Years With *Top Prize \$500,000* From The Texas Lottery®

(Austin, October 19) - Lonnell Sharp of Houston has claimed the top prize of \$50,000 for 10 years after playing *Top Prize \$500,000* from the Texas Lottery®.

"To tell the truth, I thought I had won \$50,000," Sharp said. "And I didn't even believe that." Sharp says he's been playing a long time, but has never won anything like this.

"I've won the \$10 and \$20 prizes, maybe a little more," he said. "With this I can get a new car and buy a house."

"Disbelief is a common denominator among all claimants," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Anthony J. Sadberry. "With two more top prizes yet to be won in this popular \$1 game, I'm sure we can expect to see more happily-stunned claimants come through our doors."

Sharp purchased his ticket at N. B. Food Mart #131637, located at 6275 West Airport Boulevard in Houston.

The winner requested minimum publicity.

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