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FORT WORTH PLAYER CLAIMS \$1 MILLION PRIZE IN \$500,000,000 BLOCKBUSTER SCRATCH-OFF GAME

(AUSTIN) – Russell O. Rice of Fort Worth visited his local Texas Lottery® claim center on Friday to claim a \$1 million prize in the *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* scratch-off game.

Rice purchased his ticket at the Sam Food Mart located at 100 Booth Calloway Road in Hurst. The retailer is eligible for a \$10,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

The claimant requested minimal publicity.

\$500,000,000 Blockbuster offers more than half-a-billion dollars in total prizes. Six \$1 million prizes and two top prizes of \$2.5 million remain unclaimed in the game. Overall odds of winning any prize are one in 2.77, including break-even prizes.

Tuesday's *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$171 million. Wednesday's *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$50 million, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$11 million.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit www.txlottery.org.

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