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Tuesday's *Mega Millions*™ Drawing Worth More Than A Million For Texas Players

(Austin, May 25) - Though no tickets sold for last night's *Mega Millions*™ drawing matched all five numbers plus the Mega Ball, Texas players statewide matched enough numbers to make their tickets worth a combined \$1,175,429.

Two tickets, sold in San Angelo and Tyler, matched five of five numbers. The buyer of the ticket in San Angelo also purchased the *Megaplier*™ option, which increased the prize value from \$175,000 to \$700,000! Two other tickets sold in Texas matched four of five numbers, worth \$5,000, and one of those players also *Megapplied*, increasing the value of the ticket to \$20,000.

"*Mega Millions* offers multiple ways to win and last night more than 47,000 Texas players did just that," said Reagan E. Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "The *Megaplier* only adds to the excitement for Texas players, as I'm sure one lucky ticket-holder in San Angelo can attest."

Mega Millions players choose five numbers from 1 to 52, and one Mega Ball number from a second field of numbers from 1 to 52. Each play costs a dollar. Players must match the five numbers plus the Mega Ball to win the jackpot. For an extra dollar, the *Megaplier* option, available only in Texas, allows players to multiply their non-grand/jackpot prize winnings two, three or four times.

The numbers from last night's drawing were 45-39-28-40-9, the Mega Ball was 24, and the *Megaplier* was 4. Since no tickets matched all five numbers plus the Mega Ball in Tuesday's drawing, Friday's *Mega Millions* jackpot will be worth an estimated \$80 million.

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