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Check Presentation For *Cash Five*™ Winner Starts Search For *Lotto Texas*™ Ticket Holder



Maria Vera accepts her Cash Five prize from Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer

(Austin, July 21) - Today, Maria Vera of San Antonio bumped into Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer at the Texas Lottery San Antonio Claim Center. In a ceremony usually conducted only in Austin for big jackpot winners, Greer presented Vera her check for winning the top cash prize for *Cash Five*™ from the Saturday, July 19, drawing, worth \$42,963. After taxes, Vera took home \$32,222.25.

"I got the chance to give someone a check today," said Greer. "We started the search for one winner by paying another one. I just hope that spurs the holder for our missing *Lotto Texas* jackpot ticket to come in soon."

Greer was on his way to attend a news conference at the Diamond Shamrock Corner Store, located at 1002 Castroville Road. The retail location sold a jackpot winning *Lotto Texas*™ ticket for the drawing held on January 29. As of today, the ticket has remained unclaimed. The deadline to claim the \$5 million jackpot is Monday, July 28 at midnight.

Vera's five-of-five matching *Cash Five* ticket from Saturday's drawing was purchased at the Culebra Texaco Food Mart, located at 3502 Culebra. The retail owner is eligible for a bonus of \$429.63, one percent of the top-prize value.

Wednesday's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is worth an estimated \$36 million.

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