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News About Blanco Lottery Winner Travels Fast - Real Fast!

(Austin, January 19) - Charles Singleton didn't even make it back home from a San Antonio retailer before everyone in Blanco knew he had won a \$60,000 prize from the Texas Lottery®. Singleton won his prize from the Texas Lottery *DECK THE HALLS* scratch off game.

"The rumor had traveled to Blanco before I got there," said Singleton. "When I was in the store having them verify the ticket was a winner, some people from the area came in and overheard I had won. They saw my car, an old Blanco police car, and knew it was me."

"Good news always travels fast. At least faster than a former Blanco police car," said Reagan E. Greer, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Congratulations to Mr. Singleton on his big win, and I'm sure there are a lot of folks in Blanco that wish him the same."

The top cash prize for *DECK THE HALLS* is \$60,000 and, as of today, there are still four top prizes left unclaimed. Other cash prizes for the \$5 instant ticket are as follows: \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5.

"I didn't even go into the store to buy that ticket," Singleton explained. "I was messing around with my 17-year-old son and taking my time pumping gas. When I went in to pay I asked for the \$10 holiday ticket, but they were out of those. I went back to my truck to scratch the Deck the Halls ticket.

"When he (the son) saw that I had won \$60,000, he said, 'Hey there, pal.' I told him 'Uh-uh, you wouldn't help pumping the gas.'"

Singleton said he plans on sharing with his boy, but it was more fun giving him a hard time about it. He also plans to invest some of his winnings.

Tonight's *Lotto Texas* jackpot drawing is worth an estimated \$51 million. Currently, it is the largest single-state jackpot prize available in the United States.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery

Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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