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HOUSTON RETAILER RECEIVES \$210,000 BONUS AND PLANS ON EXPANDING BUSINESS

(Austin, August 2) - Today, the Texas Lottery Commission presented two bonus checks to Houston-area lottery retailers for selling jackpot winning *Lotto Texas* tickets. The first, at K & K Food Mart, 1738 S. Dairy Ashford, sold the sole winning Lotto ticket for the June 9th drawing. The ticket was worth an estimated \$21 million, and the retailer received a bonus of \$210,000, one-percent of the jackpot total.

"We plan on expanding and opening another store," said Kenny Truong, son-in-law of K & K owner David Phung. "We're going to sell more lottery tickets."

The Elizondo Family Trust claimed the \$21 million top-prize on June 29th. The winners chose the Cash Value Option and received \$11,646,801.60.

"The winner came into the store and congratulated us for getting the bonus," said Truong. "The whole family came in and took pictures with us, and we've been telling all our customers about the ticket and inviting them to the celebration today."

The Texas Lottery also presented a retailer bonus check to Copperfield Liquor #6, on 7540 FM 1960 East in Humble. The retailer sold the jackpot-winning ticket for the *Lotto Texas* drawing on June 23rd worth an estimated \$13 million. There has been no word yet from the ticket holder.

Houston area retailers have had quite a bit of luck this year with selling jackpot-winning *Lotto Texas* tickets. There have been two other retailers in the Houston-area that sold a top-prize winning Lotto ticket.

The RDK Revocable Trust of Houston claimed the sole jackpot-winning *Lotto Texas* ticket for \$23 million from January 27th. The ticket was purchased at Randall's, located at 12555 Westheimer. The A&L Postal Services, 5170 Aldine Mail Route, sold the \$13 million ticket for the Saturday, July 7th *Lotto Texas* drawing. The CSF Partnership of Houston claimed the prize on July 20th.

Since *Lotto Texas* began in November 1992, there have been two Houston area retailers who have sold two jackpot-winning *Lotto* tickets for different drawings. The Stop N Go #1777, 9710 Beechnut, sold a top-prize winning ticket June and September 1993. Beechnut Corner Food Store, 4520 Beechnut, sold two top-prize winning *Lotto* tickets in January 1996 and August 1999.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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