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FAIRFIELD *LOTTO TEXAS* WINNER COLLECTS \$19 MILLION JACKPOT PRIZE

(Austin, January 4) - The Texas Lottery today paid Benson Equities, Ltd., Elvester Benson, president, \$760,000, the first installment of a \$19 million prize. The Fairfield winner won half of the \$38 million *Lotto Texas* jackpot for the drawing on December 6th, 2000.

This is one of the two winning tickets for this drawing. The claimant chose the 25-year annuity option, which will pay out \$760,000 every December for the next 24 years.

For selling the winning ticket, Rob's Drive In, located at 226 East Commerce in Fairfield, is eligible to receive a one-percent bonus of \$190,000. The winning numbers were 35-16-09-01-39-03.

The winner requested minimal publicity.

The second winning ticket was sold in League City and claimed by CLJ Higgins, Ltd., by ROID Corporation by Chris Cahill in December.

Saturday's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is an estimated \$40 million.

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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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