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## First Million Dollar Winner With Texas Lottery® New Scratch Game - *Casino Action*



Cathy Tatsch of Harper is presented her million dollar prize by Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer

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(Austin, February 9) - Today, Cathy Tatsch of Harper became the first winner of the top cash prize of the newest Texas Lottery® scratch off game, *Casino Action*. Tatsch initially mistook the prize as \$1,000, but a quick check at a local lottery retailer quickly showed her that she would need to multiply that winning by 1,000.

"At first, I didn't see how much it was worth. I thought it was \$1,000," she said. "When the clerk checked it, the terminal said it was 'over the limit' that they could pay me. That's when I realized it was really worth a million dollars."

*Casino Action*, the Lottery's newest \$20 scratch off game, was released on January 23. Overall odds of winning any prize in *Casino Action* are 1 in 2.86 including break-even prizes. Cash prizes, other than the \$1,000,000 prize, include: \$100,000, \$10,000, \$4,000, \$2,000, \$1,000, \$400, \$200, \$100, \$80, \$40, and \$20. As of today, there are TWO top cash prizes left unclaimed.

"*Casino Action* is the fourth Texas Lottery \$20 scratch off we've released to our players," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "It hasn't taken long to notice how much our players really enjoy the game. After its first week of sales, it was the top selling ticket for the week ending January 31. It was a pleasure to meet Cathy, our first million dollar winner for our current number one scratch off."

Tatsch told lottery officials she plans to finish renovating her home, and pay off student loans for her and her sons.

She purchased her ticket at Gas Go Markets, Inc., located at 1001 North Main Street in Bandera. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the top prize winning ticket.

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