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DICKINSON RESIDENT CLAIMS \$1 MILLION WITH MEGAPLIER® OPTION FROM THE TEXAS LOTTERY®

(AUSTIN) – It may not be \$333 million, but Donald Pearson Jr., of Dickinson, was still thrilled to claim his *Mega Millions*® prize from Friday, August 28. He matched all five numbers (1 – 17 – 31 – 37 – 54), but missed the Mega Ball (31). Normally, he would be eligible for a \$250,000 second-tier prize, but his decision to Megaply® upped his winnings to \$1 million.

“For \$1 more per playboard, *Mega Millions* players in Texas have a unique opportunity to increase their non-jackpot winnings by two, three or four times,” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “As Mr. Pearson can attest, this fun option can really pay off.”

Pearson was on his way to Burger King for dinner when he purchased his ticket at the Handi Stop #38, 5651 FM 646 in Dickinson. He checked the

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numbers the next day at work, and as he says, “BAM!” His Quick Pick ticket matched the five numbers drawn.

Pearson said he felt “humbled, excited over the weekend.”

Tonight’s *Mega Millions* jackpot is worth an estimated \$12 million. Tomorrow’s *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is worth an estimated \$45 million.

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

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Note to Editors: To request a photograph of Donald Pearson Jr. in jpg format, please contact Robyn Smith at (512)344-5477 or Robyn.Smith@lottery.state.tx.us.