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EL PASOAN PROCLAIMS, “LIGHTNING CAN STRIKE TWICE” WITH \$1,000 PRIZE IN *PLATINUM PRESENT*

(Austin) – Dale Slape of El Paso could not wait to get to work Friday morning to tell his doubting friends that he had won big again with a prize of \$1,000 in *Platinum Present*, a Texas Lottery® scratch-off.

“They’ve been telling me since I won the \$50,000 prize in the *State Fair of Texas* scratch-off in September of 2007 that I would never win big again,” Slape said. “Well, guess what, lightning can strike twice in the same place, and I’ve got the second big prize to prove it.”

“This \$1,000 prize is going to pay for a necessary weekend project at home,” Slape said. “I’m going to buy all the materials I need first thing Saturday morning to build a fence around my two acres so my dog can run free. He is a stray springer spaniel mix I found nearly two years ago and he’s a great dog. In a few days, he’ll have lots of room to roam.”

“*Platinum Present* is one of the scratch-offs in our holiday suite of games for 2010,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. “Mr. Slape’s \$1,000 *Platinum Present* prize is one of 336 in this amount offered in the game that also has a top prize of \$1 million, as well as second-tier prizes ranging from \$10,000 to the break-even amount of \$20. As Mr. Slape has shown, a player can win a significant prize more than once playing the *Games of Texas*.”

Slape stopped in at the Circle K #6015 this morning and bought this ticket along with his coffee. The store is located at 12680 Montana Avenue in El Paso.

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(Texas Lottery Commission news release, continued)

Tonight's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$101 million. The *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot for tomorrow is an estimated \$14 million, and the *Powerball*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$59 million. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

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