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SCRATCH-OFF PLAYERS FOLLOW ELEPHANT TO \$500,000,000 BLOCKBUSTER PRIZE OF \$2.5 MILLION

(AUSTIN) – The \$500,000,000 *Blockbuster* game awarded its first \$2.5 million top prize today, and the winners say they have the new spokesperson to thank for it.

San Antonio-based EHR, LLC, through its authorized representative member Richard W. Jones, Trustee, claimed the prize. However, group members say they might not have played if it weren't for the jumbo spokesperson. The elephant featured in the television advertisements captured their attention and had them watching for the introduction of the new scratch-off game.

Shortly after the game was introduced, one member purchased a ticket at a Murphy USA. When she saw the ticket might be a winner, she tried unsuccessfully to get another group member to check the ticket. Then she attempted to get a neighbor's opinion, but the neighbor wasn't home. She and the other group member took the following day off from work to contact Texas Lottery® headquarters about their prize. Ultimately, they were able to travel to Austin as a group and claimed their winnings today.

Asked about their plans for the money, one member answered, "We want to pay off our mortgage and student loans."

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With more than half a billion dollars in total prizes, the *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* features overall odds of one in 2.77, including break-even prizes. EHR, LLC claimed the fifth prize of \$1 million or more to be awarded in this game. Nine top prizes of \$2.5 million and 36 second-tier prizes of \$1 million each remain unclaimed.

“The *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* has clearly been a hit with many of our players. In fact, it was our top-selling instant game last week,” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “Thanks to innovative games like this one, the Texas Lottery continues to generate revenue for Texas education. Since 1997, the agency has contributed more than \$11 billion to the Foundation School Fund.”

The Murphy USA #6983, located at 8030 Bandera Road #2 in San Antonio, is eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus for selling the top-prize winning ticket.

Tonight’s *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is worth an estimated \$19 million. Friday’s *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is worth an estimated \$113 million.

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