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**SEPTEMBER 23 LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT CLAIMED;
SOUTHLAKE RESIDENT IS 5th JACKPOT WINNER IN 2006**

(AUSTIN) – Since January 2006, the Texas Lottery® has paid five *Lotto Texas*® jackpot winners, including today's payout to Fidelma Early of Southlake. Early's *Lotto Texas* ticket correctly matched all six numbers for the September 23 drawing, worth an advertised \$10 million. Since April, when *Lotto Texas* players returned to choosing a straight set of six numbers, there have been four jackpot winners.

"It has been a successful year for our players and the Texas Lottery," said Anthony J. Sadberry, executive director for the Texas Lottery Commission. "Not only have our players cashed in on a substantial prize amount, more than \$2.3 billion in Fiscal Year 2006, but overall the Texas Lottery saw an increase in sales and that translated into transfers to the Foundation School Fund in excess of \$1.029 billion."

Early chose the Cash Value Option when purchasing her ticket and received \$6,073,964, before taxes. The Quick Pick ticket was bought at 7-Eleven #32922, located at 1660 W. Southlake Boulevard in Southlake. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$100,000 for selling the jackpot ticket.

The numbers drawn for the September 23 drawing were: 16 – 51 – 31 – 8 – 38 – 36.

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(Texas Lottery Commission news release, continued)

The last three tickets matching numbers for a *Lotto Texas* jackpot in 2006 have been sold in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. On September 22, Daniel J. Hoffman of Flower Mound claimed his prize from the August 30 drawing worth an advertised \$26 million. The June 28 *Lotto Texas* jackpot prize, worth an advertised \$26 million, was claimed by Our Aurora Capital, Ltd., Our Aurora Management, LLC, General Partner, by Lawrence J. Meddaugh, president, of Coppel.

Saturday's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is worth an estimated \$5 million.

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