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WACO PLAYER CLAIMS FIRST OF NINE \$1 MILLION PRIZES IN TEXAS LOTTERY® BLACK-SERIES IV-LIMITED EDITION

(AUSTIN) – The first of nine \$1 million top prizes in the *Texas Lottery® Black-Series IV-Limited Edition* scratch-off game was claimed by Jason Ratliff of Waco on Monday. The winning ticket was purchased at Ward's Liquor Store located at 4020 Bosque Blvd. in Waco, making the store eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

Eight \$1 million prizes and 29 prizes of \$10,000 each remain unclaimed in the *Texas Lottery Black-Series IV-Limited Edition*. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.29, including break-even prizes. A previous version of the game, *Texas Lottery Black-Series III-Limited Edition*, has one \$1 million top prize currently unclaimed.

Ratliff claimed his prize at the Austin Claim Center and requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Mega Millions®* jackpot is an estimated \$61 million. Saturday's *Powerball®* jackpot is an estimated \$50 million, and the *Lotto Texas®* jackpot is an estimated \$4 million.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed nearly \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*, *Texas Two Step®*, *Pick 3™*, *Daily 4™*, *Cash Five®* and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit www.txlottery.org.

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