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# NEWS

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## **MYSTERY SOLVED: BRIDGE CITY RESIDENT CLAIMS \$1 MILLION *MEGA MILLIONS*® PRIZE**

(AUSTIN) – After a full week of speculation and excitement, the owner of the \$1 million *Mega Millions*® ticket purchased in Bridge City has come forward. Bridge City resident Dennis Moore Jr. claimed his prize at the Texas Lottery® Claim Center in Beaumont.

Moore said, “My first thought was, ‘This cannot be possible.’ I called my mom first. Then my wife and sister-in-law called the rest of the family.”

His Quick Pick ticket was the only second-tier winner in Texas for the drawing on May 19. It matched all five of the numbers drawn (2 – 4 – 9 – 15 – 42), but not the Mega Ball (13).

“Mr. Moore’s decision to Megaplay this ticket really paid off,” said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief. “Because the Megaplier ‘four’ was selected before the drawing, his \$250,000 second-tier prize became \$1million.”

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Moore says the prize money will be put toward a piece of property he recently purchased.

“I’d already made up my mind that I would have to go back to work to pay it off,” said Moore. “It couldn’t have happened at a better time. This was perfect.”

According to Moore, he hasn’t given up on winning the jackpot. “I just hate that I didn’t get the Mega Ball. Definitely, we’ll keep playing.”

The winning *Mega Millions* ticket came from the Exxpress Mart #1, 1745 Texas Ave. in Bridge City.

Friday’s *Mega Millions* jackpot is worth an estimated \$35 million. Tonight’s *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup> jackpot is worth an estimated \$9 million.

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

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