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H-E-B EMPLOYEE IN ROCKPORT GOES TO LUNCH, BUYS A SCORCHING 7's SCRATCH-OFF, WINS \$77,777

(Austin) –Kim E. Gosart took her lunch break at work and did what she often does, which is to buy a Texas Lottery[®] ticket at the instant ticket vending machine (ITVM), and spend part of her free time scratching the ticket. This time, there was a prize of \$77,777 under her *Scorching 7's* scratch-off.

“Whenever I feel like buying a ticket, I get one during my lunch hour,” Gosart said. “I couldn’t believe it was a winner until it was validated at the claim center. I’m going to save it all for a while, until I figure out what to do with it.”

“*Scorching 7's* came out last June with six top prizes of \$77,777,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. “Ms. Gosart’s top prize is the fourth of those to be claimed.”

The ticket came from the ITVM located in the H-E-B Food Store #562, 1409 Highway 35 North Business, in Rockport.

Tomorrow’s *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$16 million. Saturday’s *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$18 million, and the *Powerball*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$20 million. More information about the Texas Lottery is on the official website, www.txlottery.org.

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