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## Watauga Retailer Receives \$40,000 Bonus

(Austin, February 21) - Today the Texas Lottery Commission presented a \$40,000 retailer bonus to Albertson's #4193 for selling the jackpot-winning *Lotto Texas*<sup>TM</sup> ticket for the drawing held on December 14, 2002. The \$4 million jackpot has not yet been claimed.

On hand to accept the ceremonial check, Store Director Travis Seitz said, "We are very happy that it may be someone in our community who won the prize."

The store, located at 8428 Denton Highway, is the second Albertson's location to sell a *Lotto Texas* jackpot ticket in Watauga. The ticket is the third jackpot-winning ticket to be sold in the area overall.

The Quick Pick ticket was purchased with the Cash Value Option, and is worth more than \$2.4 million, before taxes. The numbers drawn were: 40-21-27-03-17-31.

"I'm very pleased to present this \$40,000 bonus to Albertson's," said Robert Tirloni, Texas Lottery Commission On-Line Product Manager. "Thanks to everyone here today marking this occasion with one of the Texas Lottery's most successful retailers."

The two other jackpot-winning tickets sold in Watauga were both for the July 31, 1996, *Lotto Texas* drawing, worth \$16 million. There were three tickets that matched all six numbers for the drawing, and each of the winners received more than \$5.6 million.

Saturday's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is worth an estimated \$7 million.

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