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PRIZE OF \$1 MILLION WON BY PASADENA RESIDENT IN \$500 MILLION FRENZY SCRATCH-OFF

(Austin) – Martin Gutierrez of Pasadena won \$1 million playing a Texas Lottery® scratch-off game that debuted at the beginning of March, \$500 Million Frenzy.

"With more than \$500 million in prizes, this game took off like gangbusters and tops sales of all our current scratch-offs," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "The game offers 10 prizes of \$2.5 million, all of which are still unclaimed. Mr. Gutierrez won only the second of the game's 40 prizes of \$1 million."

Gutierrez purchased the winning ticket at Speed, 4203 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. The retailer is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling this second-tier-prize-winning ticket.

The odds of winning any prize in \$500 Million Frenzy are one in 2.77, including break-even prizes.

Gutierrez requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$58 million. Tomorrow's *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$13 million, and the *Powerball*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$27 million. There is more information about the Texas Lottery available on the official website, <u>www.txlottery.org</u>.

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