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## Somerset Skeptic Snags \$17,000 In Second Chance *Instant MONOPOLY*™ Drawing



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(Austin, October 8) - Richard Verstuyft used to be a little skeptical about the Second Chance Drawings the Texas Lottery® offers for some of its scratch off games. Not any more. Verstuyft was the top-prize winner of \$17,000 and a Franklin Mint Collector's Edition *MONOPOLY* game board in Tuesday's *Instant MONOPOLY* Second Chance Drawing.

"I really didn't think I'd win anything when I sent my entry in, so I was pretty surprised when I got a message to call the lottery commission," said Verstuyft. "It was a little hard to believe, but when I found out I'd won the top prize, I just said, 'oh man, this game's real!'"

Verstuyft is a regular scratch off player and a big fan of the *Weekly Grand*™ game, but the most he ever won before was \$200. Verstuyft and his wife already know what they're going to do with their winnings.

"We're going to donate some to our church and apply the rest toward helping our son Cody complete his master's degree," said Verstuyft. "I joked to my wife, that maybe now he'll remember us!"

"I really want to congratulate the Verstuyfts, especially for their choice to use the money they won to help further their son's education," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Their wise decision is right in line with our main goal here, which is to help support public education in Texas. Toward that end, we transferred just over \$1 billion to the state's Foundation School Fund in the last fiscal year alone."

The \$2 *Instant MONOPOLY* game offers prizes in the following amounts: \$25,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$25, \$15, \$10, \$8, \$5, \$3 and \$2. The odds of winning any prize are one in 4.65, including break-even prizes. In addition, the Texas

Lottery will conduct one final Second Chance Drawing for *Instant MONOPOLY* at a date yet to be determined.

To enter a Second Chance Drawing, players must complete the information on the back of two non-winning tickets and submit both entries by mail to *Instant MONOPOLY* Second Chance Drawing, 4287 Beltline Road, #370, Addison, TX 75001.

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

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