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Watauga Scores Another *Lotto Texas*[™] Winner This Weekend--Jackpot Prize Is \$18 Million

(Austin, October 18) - For the fourth time in the 12-year history of the Texas Lottery®, a *Lotto Texas*[™] jackpot-winning ticket was sold in Watauga, population 22,707. Watauga is located 10 miles north of Fort Worth.

"This isn't the first time Watauga hits the big one," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "In fact, it's the fourth. Someone who lives in or was driving through Watauga may soon be a millionaire after buying the ticket that matched the five numbers plus the bonus ball number in Saturday's *Lotto Texas* drawing. The advertised prize was a hefty \$18 million, and because the player or players purchased the ticket with the Cash Value Option, the before-taxes prize will come to \$11,219,244. Watauga has turned out to be one of our winningest towns."

The 7-Eleven #1630-26890, 1700 Rufe Snow, sold the sole ticket that matched the six numbers. The store is eligible to receive a bonus of one percent of the advertised jackpot. That amount is \$180,000.

"The jackpot winner wasn't the only one to get a prize," Greer said. "There were 58,875 additional winners who won prizes ranging from \$26,950 down to \$2 playing *Lotto Texas*. We also had thousands more winners of lower-tier prizes during the 11 drawings in the roll cycle."

Saturday's winning *Lotto* numbers were 8-21-25-28-18, and the Bonus Ball was 21.

The last jackpot-winning ticket prior to this drawing was sold in San Antonio. EFRAOLCA, Ltd. claimed \$21,574,091, the cash value option amount for the \$36 million *Lotto Texas* jackpot drawing held September 8.

Tonight's *Texas Two Step*[™] is worth an estimated \$200,000. Tuesday's *Mega Millions*[™] jackpot is an estimated \$32 million.

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