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## Longview Lottery Retailer - The First In Town To Sell Jackpot Winning *Lotto* Ticket - Gets Bonus



Stop & Shop Supervisor Amen Syed, GTECH Lottery Sales Representative Bob Raith, and store owner Muhammad Shafi pose with the \$100,000 ceremonial retailer bonus check.

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(Longview, October 2) - It was a number of firsts. The first retailer to ever sell a jackpot winning *Lotto Texas* ticket in Longview sold it to the first ever *Lotto Texas* winner from Longview. That jackpot winner was the last of five to claim his share of the estimated \$70 million prize from the *Lotto Texas* drawing held on June 22.

Today, the Texas Lottery Commission presented the last of five retailer bonuses for the drawing, \$100,000, to Stop & Shop owner Sami Muhammad at a special check presentation ceremony at the store, located at 5003 Estes Parkway.

"It's always a pleasure rewarding retailers for selling a jackpot winning *Lotto* ticket," said René McCoy, Texas Lottery representative. "It's even more exciting when I get to reward a retailer that's the first in town to do it."

Jimmie Boyd, Jr., of Longview claimed his share of the *Lotto* jackpot on July 11th. Boyd was the first of the five claimants to come to lottery headquarters to collect his share of the prize, however, he decided not to claim it on that day, and chose instead to seek some financial advice.

He didn't come back until later, making him the last of the winners to visit lottery headquarters to collect the equal shares of the \$70 million jackpot.

All five of the *Lotto Texas* winners chose the Cash Value Option and received \$8,502,425. Boyd's jackpot winning ticket, along with three others, was purchased with the Quick Pick option.

Tonight's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is worth an estimated \$5 million.

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