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TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION SUSPENDS $PICK 3^{TM}$ SALES

(**Austin**) – This afternoon, the Texas Lottery Commission suspended sales for the $Pick\ 3^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ game after GTECH Corporation, the lottery operator, notified the Commission of a printing problem associated with the generation of tickets.

Pick 3 tickets purchased on Friday, January 20, 2006, for a "Day Draw" may say "Night Draw," but the printing error should not affect *Pick 3* drawings or ticket validations.

GTECH Corporation has identified the cause of the problem and indicated it is in the process of correcting it. *Pick 3* sales will resume when the problem has been corrected.

GTECH Corporation will make payment on all *Pick 3* tickets that appear to be winners but cannot be validated in the gaming system due to the *Pick 3* problems identified today.

If players have questions about a ticket, they should not discard the ticket before contacting the Texas Lottery Customer Service line, 1-800-375-6886,

during normal business hours. Draws for the *Pick 3* game will continue as scheduled.

The Texas Lottery Commission regrets any inconvenience this problem may have caused players.

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