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Odessa Woman Forgives Husband For \$35,514 *Cash Five*[™] Wake-Up Call



Lester P. Shaw of Odessa won \$35,514 in the July 28, 2004, *Cash Five* drawing.

(Austin, July 30) - Lester P. Shaw of Odessa usually knows better than to wake his wife up before she's ready. However, on the morning of July 29, 2004, Lester felt like he had about 35,514 good reasons for Mrs. Shaw to get up a little earlier than usual after discovering he'd matched all five numbers in the previous night's *Cash Five*[™] drawing.

"When I checked the results in the newspaper, I really didn't believe it, so I went down to the store to get a printout just to make sure," said Shaw. "The clerk that gave it to me said, 'Someone in Odessa is happy.' I just smiled and went back home to wake up my wife."

Mrs. Shaw may have thought she was dreaming when her husband broke the good news, but the winning ticket, worth \$35,514, was the real thing.

"What a great way to start the day," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Stories like the Shaws' are why *Cash Five* has remained one of our most popular online games since we introduced it in 1995."

The Shaws don't have any specific plans for their winnings just yet, other than to pay off some bills. Mr. Shaw, a longtime *Cash Five* player, says he'll continue to play the game and offers some advice for other players.

"Just keep playing," said Shaw. "If you don't play, you can't win. I always knew I'd win one of the big pots and I'm living proof that you can, too."

The winning numbers in the July 28, 2004, *Cash Five* drawing were 4-19-25-26-27. Shaw purchased his winning ticket at the

Amigos #8, located at 1700 N. Grant Avenue in Odessa. The retailer is eligible to earn a bonus of one percent of the winner's prize.

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