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FIRST PRIZE OF \$1 MILLION IN \$500 MILLION FRENZY WON BY GARLAND RESIDENT

(**Austin**) – Margaret Crawford of Garland plunked down \$20 at the First Minit Markit counter for a \$500 Million Frenzy scratch-off ticket and won the first of the game's 40 prizes of \$1 million.

"We issued \$500 Million Frenzy just at the beginning of this month, and it's already number one in scratch-off sales," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "This game offers 10 top prizes of \$2.5 million, none of which have been claimed. After Ms. Crawford's claim, 39 additional prizes of \$1 million remain unclaimed. With more than half a billion dollars in prizes, it's no surprise this ticket is a hit with our players."

\$500 Million Frenzy also has 296 third-tier prizes of \$25,000 and 886 fourth-tier prizes of \$10,000, a few of which have been claimed in each category.

The store is located at 5150 Duck Creek Drive #107 in Garland. For selling this ticket, the store is eligible to receive a retailer bonus of \$10,000.

The winner requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$12 million. Tomorrow's *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$9 million, and the *Powerball*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$153 million. More information about the Texas Lottery[®] is on the official website, <u>www.txlottery.org</u>.

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