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Farm To Market Road Lined with Lucky Lottery Retailers

(Austin, February 8) - - The Humble/Atascocita area must rest beneath a lucky star. Since 1994, there have been five Texas Lottery retailers on the same farm to market road, FM 1960 East, that have sold jackpot winning *Lotto Texas* tickets.



The location of the five stores along a three-mile stretch of FM 1960 that sold \$125 million worth of winning tickets.

The most recent six-of-six matching ticket was sold for the *Lotto* drawing held Saturday, February 2, 2002. There were two tickets matching all six numbers for the estimated \$10 million jackpot, and one of those tickets was sold at the Albertson's located at 7506 FM 1960 East. The retailer is eligible for a bonus of \$50,000 for selling one of the jackpot winning tickets.

Today, Max Shannon of Atascocita turned that winning *Lotto* ticket over to the Texas Lottery. Shannon purchased his winning ticket with the 25-year annuity option. He received an initial payment of \$200,000, and will receive the same amount every February for the next 24 years.

The winner has requested minimum publicity.

The numbers drawn were: 02-10-21-29-30-18.

Last year, for the *Lotto* drawing held on June 23rd, there was a single jackpot winning ticket sold at Copperfield Liquor #6 at 7540 FM 1960 East. The jackpot was worth an estimated \$13 million. The jackpot was never claimed before the 180-day deadline. In accordance with lottery rules, the unclaimed prize, \$7,302,952.80, will be transferred to the State's Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Account.

In 1998, the Exxon Company store located at 7435 FM 1960 East, sold a sole winning ticket sold for the *Lotto* drawing held on July 25th. The winner, Funkel, Ltd., of Kingwood purchased the ticket with the Cash Value Option and received \$3,823,803.20.

For the drawing held on July 31, 1996, there were three jackpot winning *Lotto* tickets sold. One of the three was sold at Atascocita Liquors at 5311 FM 1960 East. The retailer received a bonus of \$56,143.37 for selling one of the jackpot-winning tickets.

The first jackpot winning *Lotto Texas* sold in the area was for the drawing held March 16, 1994. Stop N Go #3764 at 8010 FM 1960, sold one of five six-of-six matching tickets. The jackpot, worth an estimated \$77 million, ranks as the second highest in Texas Lottery history.

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