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GLADEWATER WOMAN WINS \$100,000 PLAYING TEXAS LOTTERY'S *INSTANT POWERBALL*® SCRATCH-OFF

(Austin) – Jessica Casanova of Gladewater was so elated at winning the top prize of \$100,000 in *Instant Powerball*® that she started crying in the store where she bought her two \$5-tickets. Her friends who happen to work at the NewWay KwikStop #1, 227 S. Main Street, where she bought the ticket, scanned it for her. Then they started crying, too.

“This is a big prize, one that will help my fiancée and me plan our wedding for next year and also help us buy a new car,” Casanova said. “We’ve been together for 12 years.”

Casanova said she’s been playing Texas Lottery® games for the last 15 years and has won several prizes of \$50 and \$100.

“That’s what I thought I might win with one of these tickets,” she said. “I really enjoy playing, but I don’t go broke buying tickets.”

“Ms. Casanova has the right attitude about buying tickets, and we’re pleased to award this prize to her today,” said Texas Lottery Executive Director Gary Grief. “*Instant Powerball* officially went on sale just a few weeks ago on June 28. Since then, three of the game’s six top prizes have been claimed. The game also features lower-tier prizes beginning at \$5,000 down to the break-even \$5, as well as a unique \$5-worth of *Powerball* online tickets. It’s our top-selling scratch-off game right now.”

Tonight’s *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$16 million, and *Powerball* is an estimated \$20 million. Friday’s *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$64 million. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

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