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THANKSGIVING COMES EARLY FOR DEL VALLE WEEKLY GRAND WINNER

(AUSTIN) – On Friday, Maria del Carmen Aguilar of Del Valle claimed the top prize – \$1,000 a week for 20 years – in the Texas Lottery® *Weekly Grand* (Game #699) scratch-off game.

“I really didn’t believe it when I first looked at the ticket,” said Aguilar. “Now, I’m just so happy and thankful for this blessing.”

The \$2 *Weekly Grand* debuted in 1995 and Aguilar is the 77th player to claim the game’s top prize. The total amount of the prize before taxes is \$1,040,000.

“This should be an especially memorable Thanksgiving for Ms. Aguilar and we’re all excited for her,” said Anthony J. Sadberry, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. “After more than a decade and 77 top prizes claimed, *Weekly Grand* remains one of our most popular scratch-off games, and now we can look forward to meeting our 78th winner.”

Other *Weekly Grand* cash prizes range from \$2 to \$300. The overall odds of winning any prize, including break-even prizes, are 1 in 4.56.

Aguilar purchased her winning ticket at the Speedy Stop #219 located at 1660 East 51st St. in Austin. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the ticket.

Ms. Aguilar requested minimal publicity.

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