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MEGA JUMBO BUCKS III WINNER CLAIMS PRIZE OF \$1 MILLION IN FIRST SECOND-CHANCE DRAWING

(Austin) –Travis Delacerda of Beaumont has collected a prize of a cool \$1 million, the top prize in the first of four second-chance drawings in *Mega Jumbo Bucks III*. He entered the drawing by mailing in his non-winning tickets.

“I thought someone at work was playing a joke on me when I got the call from the man at the Lottery,” Delacerda said. “But when he started walking me through the website, I thought he was on the level. I called the Lottery back to confirm the phone call and the operator connected me to him, so I knew it was real.”

He plans to use his winnings to pay off his mortgage and buy a new vehicle, but he and his wife say the most important thing is making sure their kids’ future is secure.

“The most I’ve ever won is \$500,” Delacerda said. “But like I’ve always told people, you’ve got to buy tickets if you want to win.”

“*Mega Jumbo Bucks III* is a part of our three-game *Jumbo Bucks* suite issued back in May,” said Texas Lottery Executive Director Gary Grief. “Each game in the suite is offered at a different price point with different top prizes and some very significant prizes in the second-chance drawings. This \$10-game offers 12 top prizes of \$250,000, and a total of more than \$85 million in lower-tier prizes. For players like Mr. Delacerda who have non-winning tickets, there’s still a chance to win big by entering those tickets in the second-chance drawings. This second-chance drawing also gave 100 winners a prize of \$1,000 each.”

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The winner requested minimal publicity.

Tomorrow's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$75 million. Saturday's *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$4 million, and *Powerball*[®] is an estimated \$51 million. For more information about the Texas Lottery[®], please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

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