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PLAYER FROM CHARLOTTE WINS A *POWERBALL*® TICKET INSTANTLY, THEN WINS \$200,000 PRIZE

(Austin) – Norma R. Garza of Charlotte has played the *Games of Texas* for many years and dreamed about winning a large prize. Still, she could hardly believe it when she won \$200,000 with a *Powerball*[®] ticket received as a prize in the *Instant Powerball* scratch-off game from the Texas Lottery[®].



The *Instant Powerball* game features more than \$20 million in total prizes. One top prize of \$100,000 and thousands of other prizes, including more than 150,000 *Powerball* \$5 Quick Pick tickets, remain unclaimed. Overall odds of winning any *Instant Powerball* prize are one in 2.80, including break-even prizes.

Garza says she was overjoyed when she realized her Quick Pick numbers matched all five numbers 18 - 36 - 39 - 41 - 57, but not the Powerball 12, for the June 25 drawing.

"I'm going to fix up my house and buy a new truck," she explained.

"Powerball may be the newest drawing game in the Texas Lottery family, but it's already become a fun and exciting addition for our players," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "Of course, the big winner remains Texas education. The Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$13 billion to the Foundation School Fund since 1997."

The H-E-B Food Store #411 located at 219 W. Oaklawn Rd in Pleasanton provided Garza with her winning ticket.

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She says she has one piece of advice for other Texas Lottery players, "Keep on playing. You never know; it just might be your lucky day."

Tonight's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$24 million. Wednesday's *Powerball* jackpot is an estimated \$48 million, and the *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$9 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, visit www.txlottery.org.

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