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Dallas Native Spends \$5 On Texas Lottery® Ticket And Wins \$50,000



Arthur Nieto of Dallas, winner of the top prize of the *Mega Slots* scratch-off game, holds a ceremonial check for \$50,000.

(Austin, October 7) - Arthur Nieto of Dallas was at his mother's house last week watching TV when he decided to scratch the *Mega Slots* ticket he had in his pocket. He hoped he'd win maybe \$10.

"I thought to myself 'this can't be,'" Nieto said. "At first I thought it was \$50, so I asked my sister to look at it because I could see the three cherries and the 50. Then she started yelling. I thought she was having an anxiety attack. She told me I'd won \$50,000."

After taxes, Nieto's prize totaled \$37,500.

Nieto said his mother got in the act, too, and called a few of her friends to let them know that her son won a big prize.

"It's easy to see why Mr. Nieto's sister started yelling and why his mom got on the phone, winning \$50,000 is a big deal," Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer said. "*Mega Slots* has created a big stir among our players. We issued this game on September 8 with 12 top prizes of \$50,000, and this week, we have seven of those top prizes left."

Nieto says he's won before, but nothing like this.

"I've won \$400 playing *Break the Bank* and other prizes playing *Pick 3*," he said. "But I bought *Mega Slots* because I enjoy going to Las Vegas, playing Roulette and the slot machines."

The odds of winning any prize are one in 3.26, including break-even prizes. Nieto collected his prize at the Texas Lottery Dallas Claim Center.

Tonight's *Texas Two Step*™ top prize is worth \$450,000. Friday's *Mega Millions*™ is worth an estimated \$13 million.

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