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Lottery Retailers In El Paso Receive Top Sales Awards

(El Paso, October 30) - - Independent lottery retailers in El Paso and Monahans received awards today for the highest sales in the El Paso sales district from Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Linda Cloud.

Melek Service Center at 306 East Paisano Drive in El Paso won the award for highest total lottery sales, registering \$541,931 for the period from January 1 - September 30, 2001. The store is owned by Eduardo Ochoa who accepted the award.

Kent Qwik #262 at 2103 South Stockton in Monahans won the award for highest Instant Ticket sales with nearly \$347,000 in sales during the eight month sales period. Ray Day, a store associate, accepted the award from the Lottery's Executive Director.

Mr. Dollar at 821 South El Paso Street in El Paso had the highest on-line sales, reaching more than \$199,049 during the sales period. Victor Urbina, the son of the store's owner, was on hand to accept the award.

The El Paso Sales District covers 10 counties and includes 493 active retailers. Since lottery tickets first went on sale in 1992, El Paso district retailers have accounted for more than **\$681 million in sales** and have earned more than **\$34 million in commissions**. Ten Lotto Texas jackpot-winning tickets have been sold in the El Paso district, earning those retailers more than \$1.4 million in bonuses. Area retailers have also sold 62 Cash 5 five-of-five winning tickets, which brought sellers more than \$29,000 in bonuses. Three Weekly Grand instant tickets also have been sold.

The *Lotto Texas* jackpot for Wednesday, October 31, is an estimated **\$4 million**.

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