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**HUNTSVILLE RESIDENT CLAIMS TEXAS LOTTERY *WEEKLY*
GRAND PRIZE; \$1,000 PER WEEK FOR 20 YEARS**

(AUSTIN) – In a surprise arrival at Texas Lottery® headquarters yesterday, Cliff E. Lester of Huntsville became the 76th person to win on one of the most popular scratch games in Texas Lottery history. Lester claimed the \$1,000 per week payout for the Texas Lottery *Weekly Grand* scratch game.

“Our scratch games make up a large percentage of our total sales,” said Anthony J. Sadberry, acting executive director for the Texas Lottery Commission. “*Weekly Grand* has been at the top of the list as one the favorites among players since its introduction in 1995. We’ve released the game a total of 17 times because of our players’ response.”

Weekly Grand offers players the chance to win \$1,000 a week for 20 years, totaling \$1,040,000, before taxes. Other cash prizes for the \$2 game range from \$2 up to \$300. The overall odds of winning any prize, including break-even prizes, are 1 in 4.56.

Lester purchased his winning ticket at Kroger #357, located at 2222 I-45 North in Conroe. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling the ticket.

Mr. Lester has requested minimal publicity.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A photograph of Cliff E. Lester is available upon request. All photos are sent via e-mail in jpg format. Please contact Kristina Tirloni at (512) 344-5144 or e-mail at Kristina.tirloni@lottery.state.tx.us to make your request.