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FAITHFUL TO \$500,000,000 BLOCKBUSTER, MESQUITE WINNER FINALLY HITS TOP PRIZE

(Austin) – TREKDB, LLC, Lonnie E. Hill Jr., Manager, of Mesquite today claimed the top prize of \$2.5 million in the *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* scratch-off game from the Texas Lottery®. Hill thought 2010 would be his year to win a big prize. It came true, thanks in large part to buying several *\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* tickets every week since the game debuted in May 2009.

“I buy one of these tickets almost every other day,” Hill said. “The day I bought this one, the lights had gone out at the wholesale plumbing supply store where I work, so I went across the street to Jack’s Grocery to buy my one ticket while I waited for the lights to return. When I saw what I had, I put the ticket in my pocket, got to the bank right before closing time and put it in the safety deposit box.”

Hill made a copy of the ticket and put it on the dining room table along with the key to the deposit box, but his wife, Julia, didn’t give it a second look after seeing it there. It wasn’t until later when Hill put the copy and the key on one of their pillows in the bedroom that she got a good look at it, good enough to keep her up most of the night.

“I can’t retire from work just yet, but I can retire some of my debt, which is what I plan to do with my prize,” he said. “My family and I will celebrate winning this prize sometime later this month, and we’ll be going back to Schlitterbahn next July for our family vacation like we’ve done for several years now. I plan to keep playing, too. My wife is also going to keep playing the only game she plays, *Pick 3*, which has been a great game for her.”

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“This is the fifth of the 10 top prizes of \$2.5 million to be claimed in this game,” said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. “*\$500,000,000 Blockbuster* also has a wide range of second-tier prizes that begin at \$1 million and progress down to \$25,000 to the break-even amount of \$20. There are more than 6.5 million prizes in this game, and nearly 3.6 million have already been claimed.”

Jack’s Grocery is located at 1601 Market Center Boulevard in Dallas. The retailer is eligible to receive a bonus of \$10,000 for selling this top-prize scratch-off.

Tonight’s *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$61 million. Tomorrow’s *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$11 million, and the *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$25 million. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

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