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FIRST \$100,000 SECOND-CHANCE PRIZE AWARDED IN *JUMBO BUCKS III* GAME

(AUSTIN) – Gene Spradlin of Longview is a man who values second chances, especially when it comes to Texas Lottery® games. It's no surprise then that he was drawn to the *Jumbo Bucks III* scratch-off game. Spradlin won \$100,000 in the first of four second-chance drawings.

"I have always sent tickets in," explained Spradlin. In fact, he won a second-chance prize in a previous game, *World Poker Tour*® \$100,000 Texas Hold 'Em™. "I like to buy those scratch-offs because they give me a second chance."

Spradlin is also looking forward to a second chance in his professional life. He hopes that this win will allow him to start his own business.

"It's the start of another phase of life that I never thought I'd be able to have."

The *Jumbo Bucks III* game features more than \$41 million in prizes, including 21 instant-win prizes of \$50,000 each. Players who don't win instantly can send in their tickets for a chance to win second-chance prizes of \$1,000 to \$100,000.

"We've offered other *Jumbo Bucks* games in the past, but *Jumbo Bucks III*, *Giant Jumbo Bucks III* and *Mega Jumbo Bucks III* are unique in being the first suite of games offered at different price points with such large cash prizes available through second-chance drawings," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Gary Grief. "These games are perfect for Texas Lottery players like Mr. Spradlin who enjoy another chance to win."

Friday's *Mega Millions*® jackpot is an estimated \$75 million. Saturday's *Powerball*® jackpot is an estimated \$51 million, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$4 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official website at www.txlottery.org.

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