

Texas Lottery Commission Press Release - December 12, 2001

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***Lotto Texas* Winner Claims \$15 Million Jackpot**

(Austin, December 12) - - Today, the Texas Lottery Commission presented the first installment payment of \$600,000 to the SMS Family Partnership, Ltd. The partnership claimed the **\$15 million** *Lotto Texas* jackpot from Wednesday, November 14, 2001. The partners chose the 25-year annuity, which will payout \$600,000 every November for the next 24 years.

The Quick Pick ticket was purchased at the Bacliff Grocery & Deli, at 545 B Grand Avenue in Bacliff. The retailer is eligible for a bonus of one percent -- \$150,000 -- for selling the jackpot-winning ticket. The numbers drawn were: 53-38-42-44-24-18.

Representatives of the partnership have requested minimal publicity.

As of today, there are three *Lotto Texas* jackpots still unclaimed. One ticket was sold for the June 23rd Lotto jackpot worth an estimated \$13 million. The ticket was purchased in Humble and will expire on December 20th. The second ticket was one of two jackpot-winning Lotto tickets sold for the November 17th drawing worth an estimated \$4 million. The ticket was purchased in Houston at Randall's #3067, located at 5161 San Felipe, Suite #200. The third ticket was bought in Fort Worth at Ramsey Grocery, located at 1201 E. Ramsey Avenue. The ticket was for the *Lotto Texas* drawing held November 24th worth an estimated \$6 million.

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