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ALLEN RESIDENT CLAIMS \$7.5 MILLION TOP PRIZE IN CASINO ACTION SCRATCH-OFF GAME

(**AUSTIN**) – James P. Hargis of Allen claimed the first of three \$7.5 million top prizes in the *Casino Action* scratch-off game Wednesday at Texas Lottery[®] headquarters in Austin.

Hargis purchased his ticket at the 7-Eleven Store #32870 located at 1004 W. McDermott Drive in Allen. The retailer is eligible for a \$10,000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

In addition to the two remaining top prizes of \$7.5 million, the \$50 *Casino Action* game also offers thousands of lower-tier prizes from \$50 to \$10,000. Overall odds of winning any prize are one in 2.47, including break-even prizes.

The claimant requested minimal publicity.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$12 million. Saturday's *Powerball*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$80 million, and the *Lotto Texas*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$27 million.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$20 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$39 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*, *All or Nothing*TM, *Texas Two* $Step^{\text{(B)}}$, *Pick* 3^{TM} , *Daily* 4^{TM} , *Cash Five* and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org.

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