

Texas Lottery Commission Press Release - July 3, 2002

## **Louisiana Resident Is 4th Of Five Winners To Claim Part Of \$74 Lotto Texas Jackpot**

(Austin, July 3) - Judy Holmes of Arcadia, Louisiana, was on her way home from Dallas when she stopped at the McDonald's Fuel Station in Terrell to buy Lotto Texas tickets. She bought two Quick Pick tickets and headed east.

The fortuitous stop gave her a share of the \$74 million jackpot prize from the Saturday, June 22 Lotto Texas drawing, which she collected today at Lottery headquarters. For choosing the Cash Value Option, she won \$8,502,425, before federal taxes are withheld. This makes the fourth ticket turned into the Texas Lottery for the Lotto jackpot prize. The fifth and last outstanding ticket was purchased in Longview.

Holmes is the fifth Lotto Texas jackpot winner from Louisiana. Frank Perkins of Haughton was one of five Lotto winners from May 1993, and took home \$471,761. Michael Tregre of Vacherie was one of six jackpot-winning ticket holders from September 1993, and received \$1,083,475. Earl Scott of Many was one of two jackpot winners from December 1993, which netted him \$6.4 million, and Bert Houston from Minden claimed his \$2 million Lotto jackpot in January 2000.

McDonald's Fuel Station is located on I-20 Hiran Road, Exit 509. The retail owner is eligible to receive a bonus of \$100,000 for selling one of the five jackpot-winning Lotto tickets. The winning numbers were: 16-11-02-13-34-26.

Sherman winner, Chester Brown, claimed his share of the jackpot on Wednesday, June 26. Shawn Pitts of Austin claimed his share of the prize on June 28, and James Quinton of Pearland came to Lottery headquarters yesterday. Each of the jackpot winning tickets were purchased with the Cash Value Option, four of the five tickets were purchased the day of the drawing, and four of the five tickets were Quick Picks.

Due to the higher than expected sales, the jackpot for the June 22 drawing was raised from the previous estimated amount of \$70 million to \$74, 226,172. The Lotto Texas jackpot was the third highest jackpot won by players.

The winner has requested minimum publicity.

The estimated jackpot for tonight's Lotto Texas drawing is worth \$9 million.

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