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\$34,226 MAKES TRIP TO AUSTIN MORE THAN WORTH THE DRIVE FOR SAN MARCOS CASH FIVE® CLAIMANT

(AUSTIN) – When a store clerk told Doris Arrington of San Marcos that she would need to visit a Texas Lottery® claim center to collect her prize from the September 1 *Cash Five*® drawing, she assumed she must have matched four of five numbers and could expect a payout of several hundred dollars. Imagine her surprise when claim center personnel broke the news that she had in fact matched all five numbers in that drawing and that she was due \$34,226!

"I was more than happy to drive up here for a few hundred dollars,"
Arrington explained. "But when they told me how much I had actually won, I
was so surprised I was just speechless."

Arrington said she and her husband always play the same numbers, based on family birthdays, but the most they'd ever won before was about \$100. Ms. Arrington said she thought she and her husband would probably invest her winnings, but there was one little piece of business she had to take care of first.

"I'm going to go see him at work to break the good news," Arrington said. "I could call him, but then I wouldn't get to see the look on his face when he finds out!"

"I'm sure Ms. Arrington's husband will be happy to see her and I congratulate her on her good luck," said Anthony J. Sadberry, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "With great odds and six drawings a week,

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Cash Five offers players yet another great Texas Lottery option for their entertainment dollar."

Cash Five drawings are held Monday through Saturday at 10:12 p.m. Players win by matching two, three, four or five of five numbers drawn from a field of 37. The overall odds of winning a prize in Cash Five are 1 in 8.

Arrington purchased her winning ticket at the Sac N' Pac #116 located at 1002 Highway 80 in San Marcos.

Tonight's *Mega Millions*[®] jackpot is an estimated \$135 million and Wednesday's *Lotto Texas* jackpot is an estimated \$7 million.

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