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EL PASO RESIDENT CLAIMS \$1 MILLION SCRATCH TICKET PRIZE

(AUSTIN) – Sergio Gonzalez Salcido, of El Paso, claimed a top prize winning ticket worth \$1 million in the Texas Lottery® scratch ticket game \$1,000,000 Golden Riches. The ticket was purchased at Albertsons 2016, located at 11320 Montwood Drive, in El Paso.

For Gonzalez Salcido, he was overcome with "a very great emotion" when he discovered that he won.

"[A top lottery prize] was something I never thought I would win," Gonzalez Salcido told the Texas Lottery. "I prayed to God to win the lottery and my prayers were answered."

Shortly after scratching the winning ticket, he called his family to share the news.

"I told my wife, 'We can pay our house off now," said Gonzalez Salcido.

As a frequent lottery player, Gonzalez Salcido noted that this wasn't the first time he experienced luck while playing Texas Lottery scratch ticket games.

"I've won my share of \$1,000 and \$500 prizes," said the El Paso resident.

In addition to plans to pay off his house with his latest prize winnings, Gonzalez Salcido also hopes to pay off business debt, as he lost about 60 percent in profits due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also plans to save money and donate to a cause he deems worthy.

This was the last of four top prizes worth \$1 million to be claimed in this game. \$1,000,000 Golden Riches offers more than \$200 million in total prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.52, including break-even prizes.

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Editors/News Directors, note: An image of the \$1,000,000 Golden Riches scratch ticket is attached in JPEG format.

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