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BALLINGER RESIDENT CLAIMS \$1 MILLION SCRATCH TICKET PRIZE

(AUSTIN) – Benedict Hoelscher, of Ballinger, claimed a \$1 million prize in the Texas Lottery® scratch ticket game [\\$1,000,000 Instant Cashout](#). For selling the winning ticket, Hoelscher Liquor, located at 120 FM 381 in Rowena, is eligible for a \$10,000 retailer bonus.

“My son was visiting from Lubbock, and when I got home I walked in and asked my wife and son if I looked any different, if I looked like a millionaire. I gave my wife the ticket and she couldn’t believe it,” said Hoelscher when asked what happened when he found out he won.

Hoelscher claimed the sixth of six prizes worth \$1 million available in the game. \$1,000,000 Instant Cashout offers more than \$91.5 million in prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.05, including break-even prizes.

Hoelscher plans to use his prize to help his son and grandson.

“I was planning on building a shed anyway. I’ve also been planning on selling the store. Maybe I’ll do a little bit of traveling,” said Hoelscher.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$25 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$49 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$19 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. Since the first veterans’ themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$60 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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Editors/News Directors, note: An image of the claimant and \$1,000,000 Instant Cashout are attached in JPEG format.

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