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## **MESQUITE RESIDENT CLAIMS \$1 MILLION SCRATCH TICKET PRIZE**

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(AUSTIN) – Theresia M Carty, of Mesquite, claimed a second-tier prize of \$1 million in the Texas Lottery® scratch ticket game [Instant Millionaire](#). The ticket was purchased at Best for Less, located at 1066 Pioneer Road, in Mesquite.

“It was an overwhelming feeling of disbelief, but a feeling of total happiness,” Carty said about the winning experience. “I kept staring at it [the ticket], read the game instructions to make sure I really won, and then I called my husband, who was still at work.”

Carty tells the Texas Lottery that this isn’t the first time luck has struck for her when playing scratch ticket games; she claims to have previously won smaller prizes, including a \$500 prize. With her latest prize winnings, Carty plans to pay off bills, set up a trust for her three sons and invest.

Carty claimed the 19<sup>th</sup> of 40 second-tier prizes worth \$1 million in this game. Instant Millionaire offers more than \$519 million in total prizes, including 10 top prizes of \$2.5 million. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 3.20, including break-even prizes.

### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$30 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$62 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$24.5 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 \$126 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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**Editors/News Directors, note:** An image of the Instant Millionaire scratch ticket is attached in JPEG format.

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