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## EL PASO RESIDENT CLAIMS WEEKLY HALF GRAND SCRATCH TICKET PRIZE

(AUSTIN) – Demetrio Ponce, of El Paso, claimed a top prize winning ticket worth \$500 per week for 20 years in the Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> scratch ticket game, Weekly Half Grand. The claimant chose the cash value option and will receive one lump sum payment of \$450,003.37.

The ticket was purchased at 7-Eleven #312, located at 6390 Alameda Ave., in El Paso.

Ponce claimed the third of four top prizes available in the game. Weekly Half Grand offers more than \$18.3 million in total prizes. Overall odds of winning any prize in the game are one in 4.78, including break-even prizes.

## About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$33 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$71 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$27.4 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 \$164 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball<sup>®</sup>, Mega Millions<sup>®</sup>, Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup>, All or Nothing<sup>™</sup>, Texas Two Step<sup>®</sup>, Pick 3<sup>™</sup>, Daily 4<sup>™</sup>, Cash Five<sup>®</sup> and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at texaslottery.com. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

<u>Editors/News Directors, note:</u> An image of the Weekly Half Grand scratch ticket is attached in JPEG format.

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