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Jersey Cash 5 Jackpot Winners' Stories Remind Us that Anything Can Happen in Jersey

TRENTON (Oct. 25, 2017) – Chirayu P. studies engineering at a Connecticut university. When school is not in session, he lives in Parlin, New Jersey with his Aunt and Uncle. While on a recent visit, he went to the Paradise

Deli, 3 Stephenville Parkway in Edison, to buy a drink and a snack. He noticed that the Jersey Cash 5 jackpot was over \$1 million and decided to give his luck a try; he purchased two Quick Pick game boards for the draw.

The following day Chirayu checked the numbers and was elated when he discovered that his numbers matched all of the winning numbers drawn. He had the sole winning ticket capturing the entire \$1,436,641 jackpot from the April 29 drawing. After sharing the wonderful news with his Aunt and Uncle, he called his mother, in India, to let her know of his fortune. Wanting to share in the



excitement, Chirayu's mother came to New Jersey to watch him claim the prize. He will use some of the winnings to pay for his college education, buy a new car, and find some special gifts for his parents and family.



David Thomson of Chester is a frequent Jersey Cash 5 player. He selects his own numbers and seems to be quite lucky doing so. In October 2016, David saw a local psychic card reader and had his fortune predicted. "I see a lot of money in your near future, and I see love coming in your near future as well," foretold the reader. Just a few months later, David was the happy winner of the December 14, 2016, Jersey Cash 5 jackpot of \$160,485.

David, happy his fortune came true, decided to share some of the wealth with those closest to him. In the spirit of the holiday season, he gave out

\$1,000 checks to 18 of his close friends and family – even before he received his Lottery check. When his friends asked why he was so generous, he pulled out his phone and showed them the winning ticket. "I never felt better in my life – I saw what it was like to give, better than to receive."

Two weeks later, David continued to see the accuracy of the psychic's vision as he met his wife-to-be, Supreeya, at a party on December 30. The two wed on June 3. David's luck continued when on June 20, he realized that significantly more of the predicted, "a lot of money" in his future, was still unfolding. He won the Jersey Cash 5 jackpot once more – this time for \$984,158. He purchased the lucky ticket at the In & Out Deli on Route 46 & Howard Boulevard, Ledgewood, just one day after their wedding. Yes, anything really can happen in Jersey.

