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Cotton Candy Slurpee with a Sweet Surprise

Instant Games Players Received More Than \$100.9 Million in Prizes in July

TRENTON (Aug. 28, 2017) – Graling and Carol H. of Manalapan in Monmouth County are the top-prize Instant Games winners for July. Graling is a fan of the 100X the Bucks game and has purchased many tickets and won small prizes on numerous occasions. With each win he purchases more tickets. This time, luck sent him a \$2,000,000 winning ticket. Graling and Carol said that the first thing they will do with the money is pay down their debt and bills. They have helped their five children through college and post-graduate degrees, and this money will help out everyone greatly. Graling purchased the ticket at Rinal Convenience Store at 546 Park Avenue in Freehold.



Melissa Palmarini of Mt. Laurel in Burlington County is a busy young woman. She has a full time job and also attends classes full time with the goal of obtaining a criminal justice degree. When asked why she decided to pursue criminal justice, Melissa said, "I want to help people and I want to be a parole officer to have a positive impact on people's lives."

While on a short break from work, Melissa went to the 7-Eleven on 300 Greentree Road in Evesham and bought a cotton candy Slurpee and a Multiplier Mania ticket. "I picked that ticket because I had bought it before." The last winning experience she had with that ticket was when she, "thought it was a \$10 winner but when I went to claim it, it turned out to be a \$50 winner. So I decided to buy it again."

She scratched the ticket in her car and immediately saw that she had won \$500,000. She called her boyfriend, shared the news and came directly to the Lottery Headquarters to claim her prize.

When asked what she will do with her prize, Melissa said that she will be paying off her student loans and after the shock of the win wears off she will figure out the next steps in her life.

"Congratulations to all of the New Jersey Lottery Instant Games winners," said Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director. "Our players win prizes every day in all denominations. We enjoy hearing and sharing our players' winning stories." The chart below lists all of the Instant Games top-prizes won, of \$10,000 and above, for the month. In total, New Jersey Lottery players won more than \$100.9 million in Instant Games prize winnings.

| July 2017 Instant Game Top-Tier Winning Tickets | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Name | Address | City | County | Game Number | Game Name | Valid Amount |
| Rinal Convenience Store | 546 Park Ave. | Freehold | Monmouth | 1422 | 100X The Bucks | \$2,000,000.00 |
| 7-Eleven #22254(S) | 300 Greentree Church Rd. | Evesham Twp. | Burlington | 1390 | Multiplier Mania | \$500,000.00 |
| Grove News Corner Inc. | 119 Newark Ave. | Jersey City | Hudson | 1417 | Lady Luck | \$250,000.00 |
| Oasis Liquors & Deli | 521 Ferry St. | Newark | Essex | 1418 | \$250,000 Crossword | \$250,000.00 |
| PRK Catering | 1035 Parkway Ave. | Ewing | Mercer | 1412 | Super Crossword | \$50,000.00 |
| Passaic News | 5 Passaic Ave. | Passaic | Passaic | 1419 | Big Money Spectacular | \$30,000.00 |
| 7-Eleven | 319 Main St. | Keansburg | Monmouth | 1430 | Power Play Crossword | \$30,000.00 |
| Street Corner | 1201 Hooper Ave. | Toms River | Ocean | 1430 | Power Play Crossword | \$30,000.00 |
| Saregama | 1521 Rte. 46 E. | Parsippany | Morris | 1370 | Bankroll Bingo | \$20,000.00 |
| Bernardsville Station Depot | 50 Mine Brook Rd. | Bernardsville | Somerset | 1370 | Bankroll Bingo | \$20,000.00 |
| Latino Corner Store | 133 Watchung Ave. | Plainfield | Union | 1388 | Kisses & Cash | \$20,000.00 |
| Paulino Liquors | 643 Newark Ave. | Jersey City | Hudson | 1394 | Crossword | \$20,000.00 |
| I & K Convenience Store | 3109 Bordentown Ave. | Parlin | Middlesex | 1394 | Crossword | \$20,000.00 |
| Quick Stop | 1723 Stuyvesant Ave. | Union | Union | 1394 | Crossword | \$20,000.00 |
| Kings Super Markets | 300 South Ave. | Garwood | Union | 1394 | Crossword | \$20,000.00 |
| Palmyra Dollar Plus Mart | 11 W. Broad St. | Palmyra | Burlington | 1424 | Liberty Bill\$ | \$20,000.00 |
| James Supermarket | 465 New Brunswick Ave. | Perth Amboy | Middlesex | 1429 | Double Match | \$20,000.00 |
| Pine Hill Convenience Store | 249 Erial Rd. | Pine Hill | Camden | 1391 | Instant Bingo | \$15,000.00 |
| Welsh Farms | 659 Rte. 36 W. | Belford | Monmouth | 1385 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000.00 |
| Country Farm | 3335 Adelphia & Wycoff Rd. | Adelphia | Monmouth | 1385 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000.00 |
| 7-Eleven #11043 (S) | 108 Lakeshore Way | Brick | Ocean | 1385 | \$10K Blowout | \$10,000.00 |
| Total | | | | | | \$3,365,000.00 |