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## The Grass Was A Lot Greener in the Rain

### Two New Jersey Instant Games Players Receive \$5,000,000 Top-Tier Prizes

**TRENTON (July 24, 2017)** – Marcos M. is a landscaper from Orange, NJ. He depends on dry weather in order to get in a day's work. One rainy Monday morning, when the weather interfered with his grounds-keeping duties, he took the opportunity to run a few errands. He stopped into the Double Dee Liquor store, 354 Main St., Orange in Essex County, to buy one of his favorite instant games, \$5,000,000 Fortune. "I've been buying them almost every day since it came out," he said. The first ticket he purchased was not a winner. He decided to try again, but the second ticket he purchased was also not a winner. Third time's the charm, he thought, and purchased one more ticket.

After scratching the game card Marcos realized that number 16 was a winning number on his ticket. He uncovered the prize amount but wasn't certain whether he was actually seeing it correctly. He checked the ticket multiple times before putting it into his pocket and buying one more ticket just for good measure. That too was a winner. The final ticket won \$50 but the third winning ticket had significantly more zeros on the end of the prize amount. Marcos' third ticket was a \$5,000,000 top prize winner. Marcos will be putting some of his winnings aside for his young children's education, helping his family and looking for a home of their own.



Our second \$5,000,000 prizewinner for the month is Xinchao Ma of Paramus. He purchased a \$5,000,000 Cash Extravaganza ticket from Coronet Variety on 138 W. Pleasant Ave. in Maywood. When he went to scratch his ticket, Ma could not believe his eyes when his number 29 matched the winning number to reveal the \$5,000,000 prize. Ma validated his ticket at the retailer and immediately brought the ticket to Lottery Headquarters to claim his prize.



Freddie R. of Newark enjoys playing Lottery games when he has the spare cash to do so. Recently, he won \$656 playing Pick-4 with Fireball on a straight bet, so he went into the Home Liquors on 641 Springfield Ave. in Newark and purchased five different instant tickets.

Once Freddie arrived home, he began scratching his first ticket, while sitting with his brother. "After scratching it, I said, I just won \$200,000 and dropped the ticket on the floor," Freddie said about the moment he discovered his ticket was a winner. His brother picked up the ticket and said, "No bro, it's not \$200,000 it's \$2 million." The first ticket was the only one he needed - the \$20 Platinum Diamond Spectacular ticket was a \$2,000,000 winner!

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When asked how he will enjoy the winnings, Freddie, 62 years old, replied that he was previously concerned about retirement - but he isn't any longer. He will make plans to retire next year from his job as a furniture mechanic. Freddie has enjoyed numerous wins over the years including a \$500 win from a \$1 instant ticket. This win, though, is the biggest so far. Freddie plans to keep on playing and hopefully, keep on winning.

Congratulations to all of the New Jersey Lottery game winners. The chart below lists all of the Instant Games top-prizes won, of \$10,000 and above, for the month of June. Instant Games players won nearly \$101 million in prizes during the month.

### **ABOUT THE LOTTERY**

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery ([www.NJLottery.com](http://www.NJLottery.com)) has contributed nearly \$25 billion to the State in support of education and institutions.

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## June 2017 Instant Game Top-Tier Winning Tickets

Name	Address	City	County	Game Number	Game Name	Valid Amount
Coronet Variety	138 W. Pleasant Ave.	Maywood	Bergen	1339	\$5,000,000 Cash Extravaganza	\$5,000,000.00
Double Dee Liquor	354 Main St.	Orange	Essex	1407	\$5,000,000 Fortune	\$5,000,000.00
Home Liquors	641 Springfield Ave.	Newark	Essex	1364	Platinum Diamond Spectacular	\$2,000,000.00
Country Farms 1	193 Rte. 70 W. & Whitesville	Toms River	Ocean	1420	Win For Life	\$1,380,000.00
JKS Corner	1057 Main Ave.	Clifton	Passaic	1368	\$1,000,000 Spectacular	\$1,000,000.00
Family Food Market	2015 Rte. 57	Hackettstown	Warren	1390	Multiplier Mania	\$500,000.00
Shoppers Express	155 Roseland Ave.	Caldwell	Essex	1415	\$250,000 Crossword	\$250,000.00
Fashion Center Exxon	792 Rte. 17 No.	Paramus	Bergen	1415	\$250,000 Crossword	\$250,000.00
Quick Stop Food Store	940 Inman Ave.	Edison	Middlesex	1417	Lady Luck	\$250,000.00
Township Stationery	299A Pascack Rd.	Washington Twp.	Bergen	1408	\$500 Money Madness	\$200,000.00
Basic Convenience Food Store	1007 Market St.	Palmyra	Burlington	1363	Poker Showdown	\$150,000.00
Stop & Shop	199 Kennedy Blvd.	Lakewood	Ocean	1363	Poker Showdown	\$150,000.00
Pick It Deli Square	1320 Englishtown Rd.	Old Bridge	Middlesex	1373	Bingo Bonus Square	\$100,000.00
Prime Corner	301 Madison St.	Hoboken	Hudson	1412	Super Crossword	\$50,000.00
7-ELEVEN #39537	2401 Rte. 9 No.	Old Bridge	Middlesex	1419	Big Money Spectacular	\$30,000.00
Latino's Liquor Store	5115 Hudson Ave.	West New York	Hudson	1419	Big Money Spectacular	\$30,000.00
Elm & Union Convenient Store C	109 Elm St.	Newark	Essex	1394	Crossword	\$20,000.00
Liquor Barn	111 Crescent Blvd.	Gloucester City	Camden	1394	Crossword	\$20,000.00
Lo Mejor En Musica	1016 Sherman Ave.	Elizabeth	Union	1416	Lucky Catch	\$20,000.00
Gromart	250 Mill St.	Belleville	Essex	1391	Instant Bingo	\$15,000.00
Plumsted Wine & Liquors	613 Rte. 539	Cream Ridge	Ocean	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
Harbor Liquors	904 Rte.35 So.	Laurence Harbor	Middlesex	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00