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## **Edgewater Man Wins \$5 Million – and Then Some More**

Instant Games Players Received More Than \$105.16 Million in Prizes in August

**TRENTON (Nov. 2, 2018)** – Robert Stewart, a retired union pile driver from Edgewater, enjoys playing Lottery games for entertainment in his spare time. On August  $2^{nd}$ , Robert purchased a few Scratch-Off tickets from his local retailer, including one \$5,000,000 Fortune ticket. Immediately after purchasing the tickets, Robert stepped to the side of the counter to scratch his tickets and discover his luck for the day.

Robert shared the method with the NJ Lottery he used to scratch off his lottery tickets, saying he only scratches the winning numbers and then his numbers to see if there is a match. He doesn't check the prize amounts on the ticket unless he is sure he has a winning match, then lets the suspense build as he reveals his fortune. As Robert surveyed his ticket for matching numbers, he noticed the number 12 in the winning numbers, as well as the number 12 in his numbers. He uncovered the prize and was shocked when he saw it - \$5,000,000!

After realizing he had just won \$5,000,000, he had the clerk call the owner of the store to tell him. The owner excitedly rushed to the store to congratulate Robert and give him a big hug. Robert then called his mom and asked if she was sitting down. When he told her about his win, she said "Oh my God!"

Still feeling lucky, Robert decided to purchase two more tickets later that night and he was happy to find that his fortune increased, winning an additional \$500 and \$100 on those tickets. Robert said he always tries to help others and pay it forward, and when he told his friends and family about this win, they were all very happy for him.

Robert mentioned that prior to this amazing win, his biggest win playing Lottery was \$2,500. With his new prize, he plans to save and invest while using the money to help his family any way he can. Robert's lucky ticket was purchased at The Rivermart on 880 River Road, Edgewater in Bergen County.

New Jersey Lottery players claimed more than \$105.16 million in prizes playing Instant Games in August. Below is a listing of the top prizes over \$10,000 won for the month.

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August 2018 Instant Game Top Tier Winner List						
Name	Address	City	County	Game Number	Game Name	Valid Amount
THE RIVERMART	880 RIVER RD	EDGEWATER	BERGEN	1407	\$5,000,000 Fortune	\$5,000,000.00
PANTRY 1 FOOD MART	150 KINGS HIGHWAY	MOUNT ROYAL	GLOUCESTER	1476	Dazzling Diamond Spectacular	\$2,000,000.00
BAYONNE TIGER MART	529-539 KENNEDY BOULEVARD	BAYONNE	HUDSON	1493	\$250,000 Crossword	\$250,000.00
BEECHWOOD CIGAR	7 BEECHWOOD ROAD	SUMMIT	UNION	1431	Super Casino	\$150,000.00
PIT STOP	47 PARK AVENUE	EAST ORANGE	ESSEX	1488	Wild Time Multiplier	\$150,000.00
QUICK CHEK #148	442 POMPTON RD	WAYNE	PASSAIC	1488	Wild Time Multiplier	\$150,000.00
BUD'S PUB & GRUB	364 ROUTE 206	BRANCHVILLE	SUSSEX	1477	Super Crossword	\$50,000.00
QUICK CHEK #137	116 ROUTE 46 EAST	LODI	BERGEN	1486	Big Money Spectacular	\$30,000.00
SOMERSET COUNTY CONVENIENCE	1004 LIVINGSTON AVENUE	NORTH BRUNSWICK	MIDDLESEX	1486	Big Money Spectacular	\$30,000.00
SHOPRITE	1153 VALLEY RD	STIRLING	MORRIS	1496	Super Tic Tac Toe	\$30,000.00
LIQUOR BOSS	683 SUMMIT AVE	JERSEY CITY	HUDSON	1496	Super Tic Tac Toe	\$30,000.00
VILLAGE DISCOUNT LIQUORS	2299 ROUTE 57	WASHINGTON	WARREN	1487	Summer Lucky Times 10	\$20,000.00
HACKENSACK CONVENIENCE STORE	77 ANDERSON STREET	HACKENSACK	BERGEN	1487	Summer Lucky Times 10	\$20,000.00
H & S GROCERY & DELI	221 45TH STREET	UNION CITY	HUDSON	1487	Summer Lucky Times 10	\$20,000.00
M & C GROCERY	888 18TH AVE.	IRVINGTON	ESSEX	1495	Crossword	\$20,000.00
HAPPY KIDS STATIONERY	757 BERGEN AVE	JERSEY CITY	HUDSON	1495	Crossword	\$20,000.00
MARKET STREET SHELL	10 18TH AVENUE	PATERSON	PASSAIC	1495	Crossword	\$20,000.00
MAIN ST. \$.99 CENT PLUS	394 MAIN STREET	PATERSON	PASSAIC	1495	Crossword	\$20,000.00
PALISADES PARK FOOD STORE INC	520 BERGEN BLVD	PALISADES PARK	BERGEN	1500	Money Roll	\$20,000.00
CHERRY HILL NEWS	2000 RT. 38 UNIT #1442	CHERRY HILL	CAMDEN	1500	Money Roll	\$20,000.00
CHAMBERLAIN MINI MART	456 CHAMBERLAIN AVE	PATERSON	PASSAIC	1440	Instant Bingo	\$15,000.00
GREEN STREET CAR CARE CENTER	501 AMBOY AVE	WOODBRIDGE	MIDDLESEX	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000.00
VINGO WINE & SPIRITS-CLIFFWOOD	D323 ROUTE 35 SOUTH	CLIFFWOOD	MONMOUTH	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000.00
RNR QUICK STOP	2064 ROUTE 27	EDISON	MIDDLESEX	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000.00
L & J MINI MARKET	168 ADAMS STREET	NEWARK	ESSEX	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000.00
QUIK FOOD	745 POOLE AVENUE	HAZLET	MONMOUTH	1452	\$10,000 Bonus	\$10,000.00
					Total	\$8,115,000.00