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Instant Games Add Sparkle to Players' December

Instant Games Players Win More Than \$111 Million in Prizes in December

TRENTON (Jan. 19, 2017) – Ben Barsolona from Bayonne in Hudson County is a very lucky guy. He was spending a quality football Sunday with his Dad at the pub where his girlfriend bartends. Compelled to grab a snack, he stepped next door to Elbaum's Deli where he also bought a \$1,000,000 Spectacular scratch-off ticket.



l-r Ben Barsolona Jr. and Ben Barsolona Sr.

Back at the bar, his girlfriend was sharing her dream to travel to Paris. Barsolona was distracted from the conversation as he intently scratched the ticket. It appeared that he had won \$5. Annoyed that he wasn't listening, she grabbed the ticket from him and threw the coin back at him. Undeterred, he took the ticket and finished revealing the numbers when he discovered that he had actually won \$10,000.

When asked how he planned to spend his winnings, this Army Reservist said that he may temporarily swap in his helmet for a beret when he takes his girlfriend on a dream-come-true trip to Paris. His lucky retailer is Elbaum's Deli, 182 Broadway, Bayonne in Hudson County. (The store is not listed in the chart below because the win is not the game's top-tier prize).

Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director said, "Congratulations to all of our Instant Games prizewinners throughout the state. Instant Games players received \$111.7 million in prizes in December." In December, Instant Games contributed \$35.8 million to support educational programs and institutions, tuition aid grants, disabled veterans homes, school nutrition programs and more.

New Jersey Lottery retailers across the state are also winners. Selling Lottery provides retailers additional sources of revenue as they receive selling, winning ticket cashing and bonus commissions. NJ Lottery's strong brand appeal offers a significant marketing attraction engaging new customers and keeping Lottery fans coming back for their favorite entertainment. The chart below shows all of the paid top-tier prizes for the month and the stores from which they were sold.



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December 2016 Instant Ticket Top-Prizes

Retailer Name	Address	City	County	Game Number	Game Name	Valid Amount
RINAL CONVENIENCE STORE	546 PARK AVENUE	FREEHOLD	MONMOUTH	1334	20X The Cash	\$200,000.00
MARLTON MINI MARKET LLC	300 MARLTON PIKE	CAMDEN	CAMDEN	1378	Jingle Bills	\$200,000.00
STATE WINE & LIQUOR	78 WASHINGTON AVE	CARTERET	MIDDLESEX	1350	Shimmering 7s	\$177,000.00
EL CABALLO BLANCO #2	690 MOUNT PROSPECT AVENUE	NEWARK	ESSEX	1384	Super Crossword	\$50,000.00
RACEWAY	1555 LINCOLN HIGHWAY	EDISON	MIDDLESEX	1384	Super Crossword	\$50,000.00
WAWA # 973	421 WHITEHORSE PIKE SOUTH	LINDENWOLD	CAMDEN	1387	Big Money Spectacular	\$35,000.00
QUICK STOP CONVENIENCE	206 WEST 7TH STREET	PLAINFIELD	UNION	1358	Loteria	\$30,000.00
CEPEDA GROCERY	442 WEST FRONT STREET	PLAINFIELD	UNION	1355	Crossword	\$20,000.00
QUICK STOP FOOD STORE	1356 SOUTH BROAD STREET	TRENTON	MERCER	1377	Holiday Lucky Times 10	\$20,000.00
RITE AID #7898	107 NORTH MAIN STREET	MARLBORO	MONMOUTH	1377	Holiday Lucky Times 10	\$20,000.00
BECKMAN'S STATIONERY	704 10TH AVE	BELMAR	MONMOUTH	1386	Crossword	\$20,000.00
WAWA #459	ROUTE 45 & BAILEY ST	WOODSTOWN	SALEM	1386	Crossword	\$20,000.00
ISELIN EXXON	1611 OAKTREE ROAD	ISELIN	MIDDLESEX	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
MANHATTAN EXPRESS GROCERY	104 WASHINGTON ST	HOBOKEN	HUDSON	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
WILLIAMSTOWN SHELL	170 SOUTH BLACKHORSE PIKE	WILLIAMSTOWN	GLOUCESTER	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
7-ELEVEN #35301	448 RIDGE RD	NORTH ARLINGTON	BERGEN	1385	\$10K Blowout	\$10,000.00
Total						\$882,000.00



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