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## New Jersey Slot Player Hits \$332,654 Jackpot at Empire City Casino; Santa's Wheel of "Good" Fortune Score is Second Biggest of 2016

**Yonkers, New York** - A resident of Union, New Jersey, hit the second biggest jackpot of the year at **Empire City Casino** when "**Santa**" scored for **\$332,654** in the early morning hours on Sunday (September 11<sup>th</sup>).

At **4:18 am**, the player made a \$6 wager on the \$1-denomination **Wheel of Fortune** slot machine located in the **Victorian Room** to hit the ninth six-figure jackpot of the year, and the third for upwards of \$300,000.

The largest jackpot thus far in 2016 was hit by "**Tracie B.**" on February 5<sup>th</sup>, when she won **\$388,311** on the **Blazing 7's** slot machine. Tracie's score was the largest jackpot since the all-time Empire City record of **\$1,473,503** was brought home by Suffolk County resident "**Howard G.**" on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 11:00 am. That jaw-dropping score was won on the popular **IGT Wheel of Fortune® Triple Stars®** slot machine, located just a few hundred feet from the casino's valet entrance.

September picked up right where August left off at Empire City. On August 24<sup>th</sup> "**Maluisa**" hit a jackpot worth **\$119,916** at 6:31 pm on the **Hot Shots Progressive** slot machine with a \$3 wager on the penny-denomination slot machine, also in the Victorian Room. "**Tommy**" from Yorktown Heights, New York, hit a **\$320,000** jackpot on August 11th with a \$200 wager on the \$100 denomination **3x4x5 Double Diamond** slot machine at 12:45 pm.

July started off with a bang when a slot-player from Mamaroneck hit a **\$139,808** jackpot on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The woman identified as "**Nancy**" made the six-figure score at 4:31 pm on the **Bally Fireball** slot in Empire City's Victorian Room. She made a \$2 wager on the penny-denomination machine.

Three days earlier, a Connecticut player identified as "**Vincent**" hit a jackpot worth **\$100,020** on June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Gotham Palace on the **Bally/Double Jackpot Wild** slot. Vinny made a \$5 wager on the \$1 denomination machine.

Back to back jackpots were hit on the **Bally/Hot Shot Progressive** machine when

"**Lucy**" from the Bronx scored for for **\$129,107** on June 8<sup>th</sup> and "Salvatore," a Long Island player, hit for **\$144,324** score on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> a player identified as "**Pavel**" had the hot hand, scoring for **\$105,778** on the **Bally 777 Wild Jackpot Quick Hit** slot machine.

**Jackpot Record History:** Howard G's record jackpot exceeded the previously held record by nearly one million dollars, hit by Manuel Esteche of Port Chester hit for \$571,000 in February 2015. Esteche's haul broke the previous record jackpot of \$509,000 won in November 2014 by Moosue Stefern of Bergenfield, New Jersey.

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