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Thornwood Woman Hits \$961,411 Jackpot at Empire City Casino Second Largest in 10-Year History

Yonkers, New York - A slot-player from **Thornwood, New York**, hit a jackpot worth **nearly \$1 million** at **Empire City Casino** on Sunday (November 13), the second largest in the 10-year history of the Yonkers casino.

An impromptu, afternoon visit to Empire City turned into **\$961,411.81** for **Linda H.** when the casino regular player made a \$10 wager on the \$5 denomination **Wheel of Fortune** slot-machine in the **Gotham Palace**.

"It was such a shock," said Linda. "I couldn't believe my eyes. It was surreal, and a dream come true. Everyone dreams of hitting the big jackpot."

"My husband (Edward) and I go to Empire City a couple of times a month," she added. "He was at the casino, but wasn't with me, and didn't have his cell phone. He met me after all of the excitement."

It was just over a year ago, on October 25, 2015, that **Howard G.** of Suffolk County, Long Island, scored Empire City's record-breaker, a life-changer worth **\$1,473,503** on the Wheel of Fortune Triple Star slot machine.

"Wheel of Fortune is my favorite game because there are generous jackpots and I like the idea of spinning the wheel," said Linda. "I hit a \$4,000 jackpot on 'the Wheel' last year, but nothing like this."

Linda's hit eclipsed former runner up Manuel Esteche's \$571,049 by almost \$400,000, and was the 12th six-figure jackpot of the year at Empire City.

The distance traveled from Thornwood to Yonkers is approximately 18 miles, so the mileage for Hansen was a whopping total just short of \$60,000 per mile.

Linda said that she and her husband usually go to Empire City with friends for the slots, dinner and harness racing, but this time it was just the couple, a "spur of the moment" visit which was supposed to be followed by a trip to the supermarket, "but we never made it food shopping because I was too exhausted."

She promises to be back, though. "We'll absolutely be back," said Linda. "Empire City has been good to me."

Another \$900,000-plus jackpot is still up for grabs on a Wheel of Fortune slot machine at Empire City.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast. Featuring 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo, Empire City Casino also offers guests year-round harness racing and International simulcasting, live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, New York's hottest DJ's, and more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar; Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. Visit Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.

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