

# Fairhaven man hits \$10 million Megabucks Doubler winner

Fate played a role in one man hitting the lottery: after pulling into a gas station to fill up he noticed they were closed so he went down the road to the 7-Eleven on Huttleston Avenue. It's a good thing because if that first location was open for business he wouldn't be a millionaire ten times over.

Fairhaven's Stephen Pereira won exactly \$10.04 million dollars – their highest jackpot in almost 4 years – with a winning Megabucks Doubler Quick Pic ticket. The 7-Eleven will receive a \$25,000 bonus for selling the ticket.

Pereira chose to forego the annual payments and take the one-time cash option which is \$8,424,485. Even after taking out what Uncle Sam wants, he'll still be sitting on approximately \$6.5 million.

Originally from Fall River, Pereira said the first thing he will do with his winnings is take care of his adults and pay off his mortgage.