

New Bedford resident wins \$1 million prize

Roger Merlo Cruz of New Bedford is the eighth \$1 million prize winner in the Massachusetts State Lottery's "Diamond 9's" instant game.

Merlo Cruz chose the cash option on his prize and received a one-time payment of \$650,000 (before taxes). His winning ticket was purchased at Sam's Food Stores, 367 Ashley Blvd. in New Bedford. The store will receive a \$10,000 bonus for its sale of the ticket.

Two \$4 million prizes and four \$1 million prizes have yet to be claimed in the "Diamond 9's" \$10 instant game.