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Manhattan Woman Wins \$10,000 Instantly With Winning Strategy

TOPEKA, KAN. – Maria Sweet of Manhattan used a personal strategy to find her \$10,000 winning \$20 Diamond 7's ticket. The first step in the strategy, of course, was to go buy a Kansas Lottery ticket!

"I bought a \$30 ticket and won \$40, and I decided to keep half and use the other half on a \$20 ticket," said Sweet. "I won \$50 on that next ticket, so I kept \$30 and used the remaining winnings to buy one \$20 Diamond 7's ticket, and that was the big winner!"

Sweet says she plays all the time, but she wasn't prepared for how many winning symbols there were on the ticket.

"I just kept scratching and matching, one after another," said Sweet with a laugh. "They just kept coming! After I played the game, then I went and scratched the prize amounts on the ticket to see what I had won. I was hoping for a couple thousand, but obviously it was way more than that!"

Sweet said she took the ticket home, but didn't immediately tell her husband, Bob. She instead decided to have a little fun with him.

"I asked what he wanted to do that weekend, so we were making plans and all that. Then I said 'Oh and we're going to have to go to Topeka on Monday to claim this big prize I have' and he just stared at me," Sweet added.

The couple said they plan to use their winnings to pay bills and add to their savings.

The winning ticket was sold at Dara's Fast Lane 8 at 8811 East Highway 24 in Manhattan. There are still two \$177,777 top prizes and one \$10,000 second top prize left in the [\\$20 Diamond 7's instant scratch game](#).

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