

Amusement Park Attendant Gets Hot Tip From Heaven

It's not every day a little "magic" happens in a person's life but for Amusement Park Attendant, Ted Bailey, this day will be remembered for as long as he lives. On a crumpled piece of paper, which he picked up from beneath the Sidewinder Roller Coaster at Hershey Park, Pennsylvania, were written some numbers. At first glance these numbers didn't mean anything to Ted but then he soon realised exactly what they were.

They were roulette numbers. Red 14, Red 22, Black 12, Red 33, and they have just landed Ted a near \$185,000 jackpot pay out. However, they could have netted him over \$6 million if he had kept his nerve and gone all the way. Ted staked his last \$50 on the "wheel of fortune" at The Meadows Casino after finding the mysterious numbers. They were written on an A5 size piece of paper and surrounded by many other scribbled numbers, as if some kind of formula had been worked out.

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After the first spin of the wheel his \$50 became \$700 as the roulette ball tightly hugged the groove of Red 14. He then promptly put the whole \$700 on the next number in the list, which instantly turned his pot into \$15,400. With no hesitation he put the lot onto the next number and prayed. Sure enough Black 12 came up trumps and that netted him a cool \$184,800. His nerve gave out at this point and he cashed in. The next number to come up on the wheel was indeed Red 33, which would have made Ted a multi-millionaire.

Ted has worked at Hershey Park in Derry Township, Pennsylvania for a little over 4 years. One of his responsibilities involves picking up the trash around his sector of the park after everyone has gone home. On this particular day, Ted told friends he had woken up feeling a little strange and uneasy. He said he couldn't quite figure out what it was. He just felt different. He felt "lucky". Being an ex-gambler he said he had experienced this feeling only once before. This was when "Lady Luck" smiled and handed him a big win at The Meadows Casino over in Washington more than 7 years ago.

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However, that story didn't end well. Although he won a total of \$156,900 on that evening, he then lost it all the very next day. Ted had been an enthusiastic gambler most of his life, and despite losing his house, wife and car due to gambling he just couldn't give up. At age 35, and in desperation to kick the habit, he joined the US army. He spent his first 5 months of his first tour of duty in Afghanistan, where he was seriously injured and subsequently handed a medical discharge.

Over a year later his father died after an accident at work and then his ex-wife was killed in a road traffic accident on her 30th birthday. It seemed like dark forces were at work as a whole string of bad breaks occurred relentlessly over the following next few years culminating in his decision to quit gambling forever. Now aged 43, Ted had not gambled a single cent in over 4 years, until this very day.

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One crumpled note and a sinister strange feeling of luck changed all that. Ted told his work buddies he felt as if the note had been dropped from heaven because on the day he found it, the roller coaster had been out of action due to maintenance. He said he had checked below the structure just the day before and had picked up all the trash that was lying around. Apparently, none of the maintenance crew knew anything about the note.

Asked what he intended to spend the money on he said, "I'm going to give half the money to charity, treat all my friends to a nice meal in a restaurant and then I'm just going to carry on as normal." He has vowed never to go back to the casino for fear of repeating the same mistake he made years earlier. "I've been given a second chance" he said, "and I don't want to push my luck this time. God has taken me back into his fold and forgiven me for my reckless deeds of my past. I'm not going to reject his trust. Well, unless of course he sends me another note."