

220,000 Contraband Cigarettes Seized by the Central St. Lawrence Valley Regional Task Force

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South Stormont, Ontario - On January 2nd, 2008, at 5:38 p.m., intelligence officers from the Canada Border Services Agency working with officers from the Central St. Lawrence Valley RCMP Detachment- Cornwall Office stopped a 1998 Chevrolet pick-up truck on Dixon Road in South Stormont, Ontario and seized a total of 1,100 cartons of DK brand cigarettes that were manufactured in the United States and smuggled into Canada. This represents 220,000 contraband cigarettes worth \$24,200 that were not properly stamped and were destined to be sold illegally.

The driver and registered owner of the truck, a 29 year old male resident of Lynn Street in Cornwall, Ontario was arrested and will be charged by the RCMP under Section 32(1) of the *Excise Act 2001* for possession of a tobacco product not properly stamped according to the *Excise Act 2001*. He was released and will appear in the Cornwall court on February 7th, 2008. The truck, which is valued at \$5,075, was also seized by the RCMP.

The RCMP is one of several federal and provincial agencies which have an interest in tobacco enforcement. We work in partnership with these other national and international agencies whenever possible to increase enforcement efforts.

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