

## **Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service Vehicle Stop leads to the Seizure of 275.3 Kilograms of Bulk Fine Cut Tobacco by the Central St. Lawrence Valley RCMP**

[News Release](#): Akwesasne police seize 275 kg of fine cut tobacco

**Cornwall, Ontario** - On January 16th, 2008, at 8:08 p.m., an officer from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service observed a 2000 Chevrolet Venture van travelling from Cornwall Island in Akwesasne, Ontario towards Cornwall, Ontario. As a result of a *Highway Traffic Act* investigation, the officer stopped the van on Water Street in Cornwall. When the officer approached the van he could smell a strong odour of tobacco. RCMP officers from the Central St. Lawrence Valley RCMP Detachment- Cornwall Office were contacted and attended the scene. The RCMP officers seized 15 garbage bags that contained a total of 275.3 kilograms of bulk fine cut that was manufactured in the United States. The tobacco was not properly packaged or stamped and is valued at \$24,777.

The driver and registered owner of the van, a 26 year old female resident of Delormier Road in Akwesasne, 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*. She was released and will appear at the Cornwall court on February 25th, 2008. The officer from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service issued the driver tickets under authority of the *Highway Traffic Act* for failing to surrender an insurance card, failing to surrender a driver's licence and failing to surrender a permit for a motor vehicle. The van, which is valued at \$5,650, was also seized by the RCMP.

The RCMP values its partnership with the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and we continue to work together to provide a safe environment for the citizens in the communities we serve.

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