

**STATE OF DELAWARE  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY  
DIVISION OF ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT**

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**DATE Agents Charge Virginia Man  
with Possession of Untaxed Cigarettes**

**Suspect and Charge Information:**

Ely O. Amar, 42, Arlington, VA

- Possession of untaxed tobacco products

**Date of Arrest:** February 25, 2012

**Location:** Interstate 95, Newark

On February 25, Ely O. Amar was stopped by a Delaware State trooper for a traffic violation on Interstate 95. During the stop, investigation revealed that Amar was in possession of a significant quantity of cigarettes. Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE) Agents were notified and responded. DATE Agents seized 574 cartons of Newport cigarettes. Amar is accused of purchasing the cigarettes in Virginia with the intention of selling them in New York City. He was charged with possession of untaxed cigarettes and released on \$1,000 unsecured bond.