

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

NEWS RELEASE

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**Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Agents Arrest
Bear Man Accused of Selling Illegal Cigarettes**

Suspects and Charge Information:

Varun N. Modh, 33, of Bear

- Possession of Untaxed Tobacco Products
- Sale of Unstamped Tobacco Products
- Conspiracy 3rd Degree
- He was released on \$1,500 unsecured bail.

Date of Arrest: November 20, 2012

Location:

- Express Food Mart, Pulaski Highway, Bear

A 33-year-old Bear man was arrested following an investigation into the illegal sale of cigarettes at Express Food Mart in Bear. The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE) began its investigation after receiving a tip that the sales of out of state cigarettes were occurring at that location and conducted surveillance on several occasions. On November 11, 2012, DATE Agents entered the business to conduct a tobacco tax inspection of the cigarettes being offered for sale to the public. As a result of this inspection, a total of 189 packs of cigarettes were found displayed for sale that had a Pennsylvania tax stamp affixed. These illegal cigarettes were seized and the manager of the store was arrested on charges relating to the evasion of Delaware tobacco tax laws. He was charged with Possession of Untaxed Tobacco Products, Sale of Unstamped Tobacco Products, and Conspiracy 3rd Degree.