



Hampton Police Division Media Release

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RESULTS OF OPERATION "SMOKEY BONES"

On June 9, 2010, Detectives of the Hampton Police Divisions Special Investigation Unit assisted by Members of the Virginia State Police, U.S. Immigration Custom Enforcement (ICE), and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) executed search warrants on seven businesses located in the City of Hampton. In addition, numerous arrest warrants were also served on persons related to these businesses. The results of today's operation are as follows:

Totals arrests for June 9, 2010: 7

Hilme S. Nous – Buckroe Beach Market, 200 block of Buckroe Avenue
4 Counts of Attempting to Possess Stolen Property,
5 Counts of Selling Untaxed Cigarettes

Wendy Tso – Hampton Oriental Market, 1100 block of N. King Street
5 Counts of Selling Untaxed Cigarettes

George R. Antanuos – George's Deli, 400 block of N. King Street
2 Counts of Attempting to Possess Stolen Property,
5 Counts of Selling Untaxed Cigarettes

George B. Toves – Beach Market, 200 block of Beach Road
4 Counts of Attempting to Possess Stolen Property,
5 Counts of Selling Untaxed Cigarettes, Poss. of Marijuana

Reda T. Aziz – Mega Mart, 3800 block of Kecoughtan Road
2 Counts of Attempting to Possess Stolen Property,
5 Counts of Selling Untaxed Cigarettes

Medhat S. Sulman – Fox Hill Convenience, 1st block of Old Fox Hill Road
10 Counts of Selling Untaxed Cigarettes

Duane E. Williams – D&E Food Mart, 2700 block of N. Armistead Avenue
10 Counts of Selling Untaxed Cigarettes

Total of property seized:

3,178 packs of untaxed cigarettes were seized during the search warrant phase.

1,212 packs of untaxed cigarettes were purchased during the undercover phase.

On June 9, 2010, the Hampton Police Division along with the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Agency will conduct a warrant operation along with the assistance of Virginia State Police and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This operation will entail serving warrants on several businesses located in the City of Hampton that have engaged in the purchase and sale of untaxed and counterfeit cigarette products.

The mission of this operation is to protect the revenue of City, State and Federal Governments by enforcing Virginia State statutes governing the purchase and sale of tobacco products.

Corporal Paula Scheck will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6638.

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