

D . A . T . E Arrests Tobacco Smuggler

The Division of Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement was contacted by the Delaware State Police at 5:45am in reference to a subject they had stopped for speeding on I-95 who in possession of a large amount of cigarettes. The defendant, Elebechir Lehreitani, of Alexandria, Virginia was travelling north on I-95 in a 2014 Chevrolet Impala when he was stopped for speeding. During the course of the stop the trooper conducted a consent search of the vehicle and located 402 cartons of untaxed cigarettes concealed in the trunk. The Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement was then notified of the incident.

A DATE agent responded to Troop 6 and determined that the 402 cartons were obtained in North Carolina and were being transported to an unknown destination. The cigarettes and \$269.00 in cash were seized from Lehreitani. He was charged by DATE with Possession of Untaxed Cigarettes and Attempting to Evade Delaware Excise Tax. Delaware State Police issued Lehreitani a citation for speeding. He was later released on a \$6,100.00 unsecured bail.