

# NY's Heavily Taxed Cigarets



Cigaretts Were Disguised as a Load of Lumber on This Truck Stopped in Maryland

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Phony tax stamps are displayed by Joseph H. Carter of North Woodmere, an investigations chief in the New York State Tax Department. The stamps come in singles or groups of 10 to stamp a whole carton.

## Smugglers' Smokescreen

The men behind New York's multimillion-dollar cigaret racket are veterans of criminal organizations directed by bosses and captains who are rarely connected directly with their underlings.

Most of those known by police to be engaged in the cigaret racket, in one form or another, have had their baptism of fire in other mob enterprises.

Here, compiled with the help of police, tax agents and the Brooklyn district attorney's office, are some of the major figures who operate the mob's cigaret rackets:

**John Carneglia**, 24, of 739 Hemlock St., Brooklyn. Mari family associate. Awaiting trial in Brooklyn and Queens for masterminding multimillion-dollar car-theft rings. Arrested Jan. 10 with 10 others by FBI for operating cigaret hijack ring in Newark, N.J.

**Daniel (Skungy) Carrillo**, 58, of 34 E. 106th St., Manhattan. Colombo family associate. Identified by state tax agents as a major cigaret smuggler. Record of 18 arrests and convictions including policy (three), narcotics (three) and bookmaking (two).

**Joseph (Junior) Chilli**, 35, of 20 Monroe St., Manhattan. Mari family soldier. Identified by tax agents as cigaret smuggler. Record of six arrests, convictions for burglary, policy and contempt of court.

**Joseph (Smokey) D'Antuono**, 42, of 2055 59th St., Brooklyn. Colombo family associate. Former member of Gallo mob with major waterfront contacts. Identified as cigaret smuggler by tax agents. Record of 11 arrests, convictions for policy, bookmaking (six) and conspiracy.

**Joseph (Joe Butter) DeCicco**, 46, of 241 Bay 17th St., Brooklyn. Gambino family soldier. Identified by police and tax agents as a cigaret smuggler who works closely with Colombo family associates. Record of nine arrests, convictions for robbery, grand larceny, forgery, dice games.

**Anthony (Tony West) DeLutro**, 42, of 166 Mulberry St., Brooklyn. Gambino family associate. Repeatedly arrested by tax agents for possessing large quantities of smuggled cigarettes. Identified by federal narcotics agents and U.S. Senate rackets committee as major heroin dealer. Record of nine arrests, con-

viction for post office burglary reversed on appeal.

**Joseph F. Gallo**, 38, of 8755 19th Ave., Brooklyn. Colombo family associate. Closely allied with captain John (Sonny) Franzese. Identified by police and tax agents as major figure in cigaret smuggling. Record of six arrests, convictions for attempted burglary, cigaret tax violations.

**Anthony Granata**, 31, of 303 Bay 11th St., Brooklyn. Colombo family associate. Described by Brooklyn rackets squad and tax agents as boss of cigaret smuggling ring. Record of six arrests, convictions for attempted grand larceny, criminally receiving stolen goods, forgery.

**Michael S. LaBarbara Sr.**, 54, of 207 Pearl Ave., Holtsville. Colombo family associate. Identified by Suffolk police and tax agents as smuggler, loan shark. Record of 36 arrests, convictions for possessing a gun, operating a still (eight).

**Ralph Liquori**, 44, of 207 E. 56th St., Brooklyn. Associate of both Colombo and Gambino family factions. Identified as smuggler by tax agents who found he supplied beauty parlors in Brooklyn area. Record of five arrests for cigaret tax law violations, all pending.

**Angelo Ruggiero**, 25, of 311 Eighth Ave., Brooklyn. Colombo family associate. Identified by FBI as key member of cigaret hijack ring with Carneglia. Also major figure in Queens-Brooklyn stolen car rings. Twice arrested in Suffolk, for dress factory burglary and using stolen credit cards to cash checks. Record of five arrests, all pending.

**Maurice (Mike) Savino**, 25, of 283 Irving Ave., Brooklyn. Colombo family associate. Nephew of mob boss Joseph Colombo. Has major waterfront contacts. Identified by FBI and tax agents as cigaret smuggler. Record of two arrests, conviction for transporting stolen (\$300,000 worth) travelers checks.

**Gondolfo (Fat Buddy) Sciandra**, 41, of 8810 17th Ave., Brooklyn. Gambino family associate. Identified by Brooklyn detectives as major cigaret smuggler. Was a principal in \$1,700,000 Murray Meat Packing bankruptcy fraud case. Record of 13 arrests, convictions for bankruptcy fraud and possession of fireworks.

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