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Guilty Plea for Cigarettes Advertised on Craigslist

*Defendant Arrested Same Day He Receives Felony Probation for
Unrelated Crime*



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **KENNETH ROSE**, 28, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Possession of Unstamped and Unlawfully Stamped Cigarettes for the Purpose of Sale, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch this morning in Albany County Court.

On March 3, 2013, **KENNETH ROSE** possessed 64.7 untaxed cartons of Newport cigarettes. On the same date an investigation by the Albany County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance uncovered the illegal sale of 11 cartons of cigarettes after **ROSE** had placed an advertisement for them on Craigslist.com.

ROSE's arrest came just hours after he had pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Unlawful Operation, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court. The defendant would have received 5 years of Felony Probation; however, his commission of the new crime constituted a violation of the terms of his plea agreement.

KENNETH ROSE faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on July 16, 2013. This sentence will be served concurrently to the sentence on his prior felony conviction. The defendant will also have to pay restitution to the Tax Department in the amount of \$3,332.05.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Bureau is handling the prosecution of this case.

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