

## *News Release*

### **RCMP Seize Contraband Tobacco**

**(Windsor, Ontario – Monday, May 9, 2011)** - On Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Windsor Detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Customs and Excise Section executed a search warrant at a residence in Windsor, which resulted in the arrest of one Windsor resident.

RCMP seized a total of 32,260 contraband cigarettes from the residence values at approximately \$3,658.00.

Charged with one count of Possession and Sale of Unstamped Tobacco under Section 32(1) of the Excise Act and one count of Purchasing or Receiving Unstamped Tobacco under Section 29(b) of the Excise Act is;

Youssef Mehdi (age 62) of Brookview Crescent in Windsor.

“Illegal tobacco sales fund organized crime, pose health risks to our communities and undermine legitimate local business activities” stated Cpl. Tim Fiset of the RCMP Customs and Excise Section.

Anyone wishing to report incidents of possession or sale of contraband tobacco can contact your nearest RCMP Detachment by calling 1-800-387-0020. Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-258-TIPS.

The accused is scheduled to make his first court appearance on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Windsor Court.

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