In the Matter of the Petition

of

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Tax Law REFERENCE AND ARTICLES

State of New York County of Albany

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by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed

as follows:

Mr. Gaspar J. Quaranta

22 Tarkington Road

Holbrook, New York 11741

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this

5th day of April , 197

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(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed Harold Sussman, Esq. as follows:

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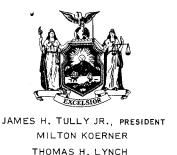
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That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of the) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

April 5, 1978

Mr. Gaspar J. Quaranta 22 Tarkington Road Holbrook, New York 11741

Dear Mr. Quaranta:

Please take notice of the **DETERMINATION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(2) 478 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

Aloysius J. Nendza Assistant Director

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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GASPAR J. QUARANTA

**DETERMINATION** 

for a Hearing under Article 20 of the Tax Law.

Applicant, Gaspar J. Quaranta, 22 Tarkington Road, Holbrook, New York 11741, filed an application for a hearing under Article 20 of the Tax Law (File No 16411).

A formal hearing was held before Julius E. Braun, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on December 8, 1976 at 11:15 A.M. and on August 24, 1977 at 9:15 A.M. Applicant appeared by Harold Sussman, Esq. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Irwin J. Levy, Esq., and Lawrence Stevens, Esq., of counsel).

## **ISSUE**

Whether tax and penalties assessed against applicant Gaspar J.

Quaranta were proper.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On June 9, 1971, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Determination of Tax Due under Cigarette Tax Law against Francis Guido and/or Barbara Aaron and/or Gaspar J. Quaranta for 9,824 cartons of untaxed cigarettes in their possession prior to June 17, 1969. Total tax due amounted to \$13,262.40.
- 2. On the night of June 17, 1969, applicant Gaspar J. Quaranta and two other individuals were issued summons in lieu of arrest by Investigators Mullens, Murphy and Lewis of the New York State Tax Commission, on a charge of possession of untaxed cigarettes. On July 2, 1969, Gaspar J. Quaranta was arraigned on a charge relating to sections 481 and 482 of the Tax Law. On April 5, 1971 he pleaded guilty to a violation of section 240.35(6) of the Penal Law (Loitering) and paid a fine of \$250.00.
- 3. On March 17, 1970 and February 24, 1972, assessments were made against applicant, Gaspar J. Quaranta as the result of seizures of unstamped cigarettes. These assessments were subsequently cancelled when a co-defendant pleaded guilty in criminal court to possession of untaxed cigarettes.

## CONCLUSION OF LAW

A. That the application of Gaspar J. Quaranta is granted and the Notice of Determination of Tax Due under Cigarette Tax Law issued against him on June 9, 1971 is cancelled. There is no proof that Gaspar J. Quaranta was in possession of untaxed cigarettes.

DATED: Albany, New York April 5, 1978 STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRES IDENT

Commissioner Koerner dissents.

COMMISSIONER

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