In the Matter of the Petition

of

LOUIS SCHIRO

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

State of New York County of Albany

John Huhn , being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 15th day of March , 1979, she served the within Notice of Decision by (certificied) mail upon Louis Schiro

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.

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

Sworn to before me this

15th day of March

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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
as follows:

Bernard Udell. Esq.

Bernard Udell, Esq. 50 Court Street Brooklyn, New York 11201

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.

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.

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THOMAS H. LYNCH

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

March 15, 1979

Mr. Louis Schiro 325 Foster Avenue Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Schire:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 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,

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

SUPERVISING TAX HEARING OFFICER

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

## STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

LOUIS SCHIRO

DECISION

for a Hearing to Review a Determination under Article 20 of the Tax Law for the Year 1977.

Applicant, Louis Schiro, 325 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, filed an application for a hearing to review a determination under Article 20 of the Tax Law for the year 1977 (File No. 18960).

A formal hearing was held before William J. Dean, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on April 13, 1978 at 11:00 A.M. Applicant appeared by Bernard Udell, Esq. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Irwin A. Levy, Esq., of counsel).

## ISSUE

Whether a penalty of \$516.00 should be imposed on applicant pursuant to section 481(b) of Article 20 of the Tax Law.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Under date of April 27, 1977, the Miscellaneous Tax
Bureau issued a Notice of Determination of Tax Due under Cigarette

Tax Law (Article 20, section 481(b)) to applicant, Louis Schiro. Said Notice asserted a penalty of \$516.00 due for cigarettes seized on March 24, 1977. The total penalty consisted of a penalty of \$5.00 per carton for 100 cartons, as well as a penalty of \$4.00 per carton for 4 cartons.

- 2. On that date, applicant was apprehended by officers assigned to the Special Investigations Bureau, Cigarette Tax Bureau of the Department of Taxation and Finance. In applicant's car were found 15 cartons of improperly stamped cigarettes. In the basement of applicant's house were found 99 cartons of improperly stamped cigarettes.
- 3. On April 7, 1977, in Criminal Court of the City of New York, County of Kings, applicant pleaded guilty to violation of section 240.20 of the Penal Law (disorderly conduct) and was fined \$200.00. The original offense for which he was arrested was a violation of section 481.21 of Article 20 of the New York Tax Law.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That section 481(b) of Article 20 of the Tax Law provides, in applicable part, that:

"In addition to any other penalty imposed by this article, the tax commission may impose a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars for each two hundred cigarettes or fraction thereof in excess of two thousand in unstamped or unlawfully stamped packages in the possession or under the control of any person." (Emphasis added.)

- B. That applicant was in possession or control of 114 cartons of improperly stamped cigarettes which were found in his car and in the basement of his house on March 24, 1977.
- C. That the application of Louis Schiro is denied and the Notice of Determination of Tax Due issued April 27, 1977 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

March 15, 1979

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER