



CASHTON, Wis. (AP) An Illinois man accused of stealing 21 tons of Wisconsin cheese has been arrested in New Jersey. New Jersey authorities say the 34-year-old man from Plainfield, Ill., was arrested Tuesday afternoon.

Police Lt. Stephen Jones said Wednesday the man was driving a refrigerated truck carrying 42,000 pounds of Muenster cheese. Jones says the cheese company, K&K Cheese in Cashton, Wis., valued the cargo at \$200,000. New Jersey state patrol Detective Oliver Sissman says the suspect used false paperwork to obtain the cheese.

Company spokesman Kevin Everhart says K&K can't guarantee the cheese hasn't been tampered with so it didn't ask for the product back. Jones says if the cheese passes inspections by health authorities it will be donated to charity. The man was apparently going to sell the cheese on the East Coast black market.