

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS 5.4 MILLION AT DHL WAREHOUSE



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 360 grams of heroin worth Rs 5.4 Million at the DHL Courier Warehouse on Tuesday 10 December 2019. The drug, in provenance from South Africa, was concealed in one carton box addressed to an individual residing at Eau Coulee, Curepipe. The box, declared as containing kitchen utensils, was selected for examination, based on internal risk profiling by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers of the MRA.

The parcel was scanned, and upon examination of the items therein, nothing abnormal was observed. Further examination of the carton box revealed that three flaps out of four were abnormal. They were cut open and a rectangular transparent plastic parcel was found glued within the lining. Each of the plastic parcels was slightly cut and was found to contain a significant amount of a whitish powder, suspected to be heroin.

Customs Narcotics sniffer dog 'Cassidy' was deployed and reacted positively to the suspected drugs.

The case was handed over to ADSU and during a controlled delivery operation, the consignee was arrested.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases/ illicit activities to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform (www.mra.mu) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.