

## Rs 35 Million of heroin seized at SSR International



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in collaboration with the Anti-Drug Smuggling Unit (ADSU), seized 2.39 Kg of white powder suspected to be heroin worth circa Rs 35,850,000.

Based on established risk profiles, a female Thai passenger was profiled and intercepted by CANS officers while she was leaving Customs through the Green Channel. The passenger's luggage was scanned. She was then directed to CANS office for verification of the content there-in, and for an in-depth questioning.

During examination, 3 parcels wrapped with blue carbon paper and 'celotape glued' were found in the false bottom and inner linings of a new lady's hand bag found in the luggage. The content therein was suspected to be dangerous drugs. Upon further examination, one new black pack was found. Concealed in the linings of the back pack, another parcel wrapped with black carbon paper and celotape was found. The latter in turn contained a white powder, suspected to be heroin.

A presumptive field test for heroin was carried out and revealed to be positive. Customs K9 Dog Rulah was also deployed on the exhibits. Rulah reacted positively.

A controlled delivery exercise was carried. However, no one has been arrested. The passenger, along with the luggage, her personal belongings, travel documents, mobile phone, and money, have been handed over to ADSU for further enquiry.

***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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.***