

PRESS RELEASE

22 YEAR-OLD MAURITIAN INTERCEPTED WITH HEROIN AT AIRPORT

A male Mauritian was intercepted yesterday 25th September 2018 at the SSR International Airport with approximately 103 grams of a powder suspected to be heroin. The drugs, worth around Rs. 1.5 million, were stuffed in his private part.

The Mauritian was intercepted in the Green Channel and his luggage was scanned and examined by Customs Officers of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA). Nothing incriminating was found in his luggage and he was subject to further questioning when he revealed that his passport was recently issued and he bought his ticket on the date of departure from Mauritius to South Africa. A body search was carried out and Vaseline was found on his private parts. Upon further interrogation, he finally said that he had tried to swallow some pellets but he was unable to do so. He therefore stuffed the pellets in his private parts. He furthered that, before his travel to South Africa, a person proposed to give him Rs. 100,000 for bringing the suspected drugs to Mauritius. M.S was arrested by the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) and he purged 4 pellets at the hospital.

Members of the public 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 on 8958.

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