

MRA seizes Rs 5 million of Heroin

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 366 grams of Heroin worth approximately Rs 5,490,000 at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam (SSR) International Airport on June 25, 2025. Following a rigorous profiling exercise, Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers targeted and intercepted one female Nigerian national, who had departed from Nigeria and transited via Dubai.

Upon questioning, her replies were found to be inconsistent. The passenger was then directed to the scanning machine and her luggage was scanned. Although, the exercise did not yield any suspicions, she was directed to the Customs Counter for examination of her luggage. No illicit substance was found.

However, as the female passenger was unable to justify the reason for her travel, she was subject to a body scan whereby some abnormalities were observed. Upon an extensive questioning exercise, the female passenger finally admitted being in possession of dangerous drugs. MRA CANS officers carried out a body search and the foreign bodies stuffed in her body cavities could not be removed.

Thus, the passenger was referred to ADSU for her conveyance to hospital for medical examination.

At the hospital, ADSU recovered the following from the Nigerian passenger: one cylindrical parcel containing about 259 grams of suspected heroin stuffed in her private parts and four (4) bullets of a gross total of 107 grams of suspected heroin stuffed inside her anus. She has been placed under arrest.

An enquiry is under process.

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.