

MRA SEIZES Rs 6M OF HASHISH AND CANNABIS AT SSR AIRPORT



A French female passenger of 25 years was intercepted on Saturday 29 June, 2019 in the green channel of the SSR Airport with cannabis and hashish worth circa Rs. 6 million. The suspected drugs were found in the trolley bag of the passenger and inside her 'cuissard'. The passenger resides at Clermont Ferrand in France and she was stopped by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) while leaving through the green channel of the airport. Her luggage was scanned and, upon examination, a certain quantity of hashish, cigarette papers and cannabis were secured from a black pouch. The passenger was thereafter subject to a body search by MRA and Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) lady officers and two plastic bags containing hashish were found in the 'cuissard' worn by her. The French was subject to interrogation and she replied that she was given the drugs, for which she will receive € 4000 upon delivery in Mauritius. The Customs narcotics sniffer dog 'Otto' reacted positively to the suspected drugs and a field test was also positive. The case was referred to the ADSU for further investigation.

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.