

SEIZURE OF FAKE CURRENCIES WORTH NEARLY RS. 750,000



An Ugandan was arrested early this morning at the SSR International Airport with fake USD and EUR currencies worth circa Rs. 750,000, in denominations of 20, 50 and 100 bank notes. The 40 year-old businessman was charged under the offence of introducing into Mauritius forged or counterfeit bank notes under the Criminal Code Act..

The Ugandan had only a laptop bag as luggage when he was intercepted by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) while leaving through the Green Channel. When questioned about the purpose of his visit, he replied that he came to Mauritius to purchase tires. The male passenger was directed to the examination area and, upon verification, USD 20, 490 and EUR 1,000 bank notes were found in his laptop bag. The currencies were scrutinised by CANS officers and same appeared translucent and fake. A bank cashier at the Airport also concurred with the observation of the CANS officers. The passenger and the counterfeit bank notes were handed over to Airport Police for further inquiry.

Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.