

## BORDER PROTECTION

### SEIZURE OF 66 PELLETS OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 16 MILLION



A Nigerian passenger, aged 33, was intercepted on Friday 06 March, 2020, at the SSR International Airport by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) with 19 pellets of heroin in his undergarments. He later purged 47 more at the hospital. The market value of the drugs is estimated at Rs. 16 Million.

The passenger arrived on board the Kenya Airways flight KQ 275 from Nairobi and he was questioned by CANS officers as he was leaving through the Green Channel. His luggage was scanned and examined and nothing incriminating was found. The male Nigerian was further questioned with regards to the purpose of his visit to Mauritius, and he was subject to a consented body search by CANS and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) officers.

The 19 cylindrical pellets were found in the passenger's undergarments and he revealed that he had purged same on board the plane. The Nigerian and his belongings were handed over to ADSU for controlled delivery and further inquiry.

He purged the additional 47 pellets at the hospital.

A Mauritian of 30 years residing at Long Mountain was arrested during the controlled delivery. Both suspects were presented to court on Sunday 15 March, 2020.

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