

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH NEARLY RS. 8 MILLION



A South African passenger was intercepted at the SSR International Airport on Tuesday 17 September, 2019 with 528.06 grams of a powder suspected to be heroin. The 32 year-old passenger arrived on board the Air Austral flight UU 130 from Reunion Island and she was questioned by Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Officers while she was leaving through the Green Channel. The Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) officers found anomalies in her replies and she was subject to a consented body search.

Four cylindrical parcels were found concealed in her private parts and a field test on the powder contained therein yielded positive results. The MRA Customs sniffer dog 'Nixie' was deployed on the exhibit and it reacted positively. The exhibits were secured and the passenger, along with her luggage, was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (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.