

CANNABIS WORTH RS. 300,000 CONCEALED IN SHOES



On Friday 01, December 2017, the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized 580 grams of cannabis which was concealed in the soles of three pairs of shoes. Officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) intercepted a 35-year-old passenger while she was leaving through the Green Channel at the SSR International Airport on the basis of suspicious body language. The female passenger works in a clinic in Mauritius and she came on board the MK Flight 249 from Reunion Island.

The luggage of the passenger was examined and three pairs of ladies' shoes- bearing traces of glue- were found to be abnormally heavy. The shoes were scanned and the images revealed concealment in the lower sole of each shoe. The shoes were dismantled and leaf matters were found therein. A field test confirmed the leaf matter as being cannabis and Sniffer Dog Cassidy reacted positively to same.

The female passenger, an inhabitant of Rose Hill, informed the CANS officers that her cousin had handed over the shoes to her and that he was on the same flight as her. The cousin, who had already left the Customs area and was waiting outside, was arrested by MRA Customs and ADSU. The cannabis was secured and both passengers are under arrest. An inquiry is on at the Level of ADSU.

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.