

## BORDER PROTECTION

### SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH NEARLY RS. 3 MILLION



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) intercepted and secured 256.28 grams of suspected heroin of a market value of around Rs. 3 million from the luggage of a passenger on Friday 18 January 2019, at the SSR International Airport. The substance was confirmed as being heroin by the field test conducted by the CANS. The female passenger, bearing Malagasy passport, is 33 years old and she was intercepted by CANS officers while she was leaving through the Green Channel. Upon questioning, she gave unconvincing replies and this led the officers to scan and examine her luggage.

A Bluetooth speaker was found in the luggage and it was found to be abnormally heavy. Upon scanning the speaker, concealment was found therein and when same was examined, two wrapped parcels containing a brownish powder were found.

The suspected drugs were sealed and handed over, alongside with the passenger, to the ADSU for further inquiry. One person was arrested.

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