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## MRA SEIZES CANNABIS WORTH RS 1 MILLION

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) Customs Department, in collaboration with ADSU, seized 1919g of cannabis worth Rs 1 million. The suspected drug was hidden in the luggage of a Nigerian student who arrived by South African Airways 190 from Johannesburg on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The drugs were concealed in 6 plastic packets, which were in turn placed in 3 fruits (yams) and inside 2 plastic boxes, covered by a layer of butter.

The passenger was profiled by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the MRA on the basis of the following risk indicators: suspect demeanor of passenger who is travelling from high risk country, i.e. South Africa.

The Nigerian student was intercepted while he was leaving through the Green Channel and his luggage was sent for scan. The scan images appeared suspect and the luggage was sent for examination. The passenger revealed that he had brought the drugs for his own consumption and for sharing with his friends. The drugs were secured and handed over to ADSU for inquiry and the Nigerian student was arrested.



Members of the public can provide information relating to drugs to the MRA through the **MRA Stop Drug Platform** or by calling on the **Hotline 8958**.

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