

Seizure of Haschish, Cannabis Leaf and Cannabis Seeds on Cruise Vessel



261 cannabis seeds, 105.45 grams of hashish and 143.78 grams of cannabis, worth approximately Rs. 428,850 altogether, was seized by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) on Tuesday 19 February, 2019 on Cruise Vessel “AidaBlu” at Christian Decotter Cruise Terminal.

Following profiling of passenger and crew list of vessel AidaBlu, the officers of CANS searched the Cabin of an Assistant photographer aged 38 years who was working on board. The above mentioned drugs were found concealed under the mattress, inside the cap of a deo spray and in an empty soap box found in the bathroom.

In addition, three booklets of roll your own cigarette papers were found in his personal effects.

The MRA K9 sniffer dog, “Cassidy” reacted positively to the seeds and the substance. Field tests on same revealed positive.

The suspected drugs and the suspect were 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.