

MRA SEIZES 15 Kg of CANNABIS AT THE AIRPORT



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 15.05 Kg (Gross Weight) of cannabis with a market value exceeding Rs 18Million on the 01st of December 2024 at the SSR International Airport.

One left-over registered luggage from London Gatwick was brought to Customs by the Airline Representative. The luggage was scanned by Customs Officers and the scanning image was suspicious. The luggage was then brought for verification. However, in the meantime, the passenger had left the premises of the Airport and was unreachable on phone.

An operation was mounted by the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) and the passenger was brought to SSRIA for the verification process, accompanied by another passenger who had travelled together in Business Class from London to Mauritius.

One of the passengers positively identified his registered suitcase. However, he stated that he did not have the keys when asked to open it. The officers then proceeded to break open the padlock of the registered suitcase to start verification.

Upon examination, the suitcase was found to conceal a total of 27 parcels of compressed leaf matter, some wrapped with white and green cellophane plastic, all suspected to be dangerous drugs. One of the parcels was slightly cut open and found to contain a certain quantity of compressed leaf matter suspected to be dangerous drugs.

A presumptive field test for cannabis was carried out and same revealed to be positive. K9 dog “*Rulah*” was also deployed and the latter too reacted positively.

A body search was also carried out on both passengers with their consent. Nothing abnormal was found.

Both passengers together with their personal belongings and the exhibit were handed over to ADSU for further enquiry.

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.

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