

SEIZURE OF 320G OF CANNABIS WORTH Rs. 200,000



The Mauritius Revenue Authority and ADSU seized cannabis worth Rs. 200,000 at the SSR Airport on Sunday 6th August 2017. The drugs were concealed under the false compartment of the saxophone casing of a French passenger, who resides at Piton St Leu, Reunion Island. The 51 year old male passenger arrived by the MK 239 flight and he was intercepted while leaving through the Green Channel. His luggage was scanned and the image of the saxophone casing was found to be suspicious by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS). The Customs Sniffer Dog 'Zeus' reacted positively to the cannabis and a field test confirmed the drugs as being cannabis.



A thorough examination of the casing was carried out and five parcels containing cannabis was found in its upper side. The passenger was questioned by the CANS officers and he replied '*C'est du Zamal pour ma propre consommation*'. The latter was charged for drug dealing and importation of dangerous drugs and the drugs were seized by ADSU.

The passenger also revealed that he is supposed to stay at a friend's place in Quatre Bornes and that he came to Mauritius to follow a music course and record a music album. As per records available, he visited Mauritius six times in 2016 and this was his third visit to Mauritius this year.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases to the MRA through the **MRA Stop Drug Platform (www.mra.mu)** or by calling on the **Hotline 8958**.

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