

## MRA SEIZES 2.09 KG OF COCAINE WORTH RS 31M

The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) seized 2.09 Kg of Cocaine worth around Rs 31,000,000, on Saturday 12 December 2020. The drug was intercepted at SSR International Airport in the luggage of an Angolan passenger. The passenger travelling on a tourist visa arrived in Mauritius from Johannesburg after transiting in Dubai, on Emirates flight EK 703.

The passenger was profiled by officers of the MRA Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) while he was leaving through the Green Channel. His luggage was scanned and the image showed concealment in his trolley bag. Same was dismantled and a plastic parcel containing a certain amount of white crystalline powder suspected to be dangerous drug was found underneath a false bottom of the bag. Customs K9 dog 'Milan' reacted positively when deployed on the bag.

The total gross weight of the dangerous drug suspected to be cocaine was found to be 2.09 kg with an estimated market value of Rs 31M.

The passenger explained that he is a businessman dealing in motor vehicle spare parts and had travelled from Ghana to Johannesburg where he purchased this trolley bag and his ticket for Dubai to Mauritius.

The case was 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](http://www.mra.mu)) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.**

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