

BORDER PROTECTION

SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH RS. 17 MILLION

A Mozambican was intercepted by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) on Monday 16 December, 2019 at the SSR International Airport, after he confessed having swallowed 100 pellets of heroin. The passenger, aged 33, was profiled by the CANS officers while he was leaving through the green channel in the company of a lady passenger and both were stopped and questioned on the purpose of their visit in Mauritius. The Mozambican said that he was a model and businessman and that he would stay at a holiday resort in Mahebourg. The passenger was subject to a consented body search.

Following further interrogation, the Mozambican admitted having swallowed pellets of heroin. He was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU), along with the female passenger. Thereafter the male passenger purged 100 pellets of heroin of a gross weight of around 1163 grams.

Members of the public may report suspected drug/ illicit activities to the MRA through the Stop Drug platform or by calling on 8958.