

BORDER PROTECTION

SWALLOWER OF RS. 10.5 MILLION OF HEROIN INTERCEPTED

A Mauritian passenger, arriving on board South African flight 190, purged 53 pellets containing a powder suspected to be heroin. The 49 year-old engineer denied any knowledge about the suspected drug worth Rs. 10.5 million, saying that he did not know how the illicit products were introduced into his body.

On Sunday 02 December, 2018, the inhabitant of Bel-Air Rivière Sèche was intercepted while he was leaving through the Green Channel and, upon verification, nothing incriminating was found in his luggage. He was subject to further questioning and, as his replies were suspicious, he was handed over to the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) for a medical check-up. The medical report showed concealment of foreign body and, after spending four days in hospital, he purged 53 pellets. He was arrested by the ADSU.

The Mauritian drug mule is the 11th passenger intercepted in 2018 by the MRA and ADSU.

Members of the public 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 on 8958.