

## HM GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR

HM CUSTOMS Custom House Waterport



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## Drugs and cigarette seizures by HM Customs – 2 arrested

A locally resident British Citizen was arrested by HM Customs on Saturday afternoon at the Land Frontier. 40 year old Noureddine MAROUAN entered Gibraltar on foot and, upon being searched, was found to be in possession of three and a half 80mg Methadone tablets; he was charged with Importing and Possessing the Class A drug. He appeared in the Magistrates' Court this morning where the matter was adjourned until April 4<sup>th</sup>.

In an unrelated incident, officers of HM Customs challenged a 23 year old Spanish national as he was driving his vehicle in the vicinity of Landport Ditch car park. The vehicle was searched and 12,400 cigarettes (62 cartons) were found concealed within the tyres of the car. The La Linea resident was bailed to appear on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Further investigation into the matter is ongoing.

The Spanish registered car and the cigarettes have been seized by HM Customs.