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Seizures of Class A Drugs and Cigarettes

Two local residents were charged with the importation of cocaine over the weekend in separate incidents.

Darren CORDON, 32, was arrested on Friday night after 0.2 g of cocaine was found during a search of his vehicle as he entered Gibraltar from Spain. He failed to appear in the Magistrate's Court today and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, officers of HM Customs arrested Ylenia GOMEZ at the Land Frontier after 0.5 g of the controlled Class A drug were found on her person. The 26 year old appeared before the Magistrate this morning and the case has been adjourned until Oct 16th.

Elsewhere, in an unrelated matter, officers of HM Customs seized two vehicles and a commercial quantity of cigarettes from two lock-up garages in the Devil's Tower Road area.

Customs officers on patrol noticed suspicious activity in the area and arrested two locally resident men, aged 63 and 29, after approaching them and detecting a commercial quantity of cigarettes.

The two men have been bailed to surrender on November 21st.

The two locally registered cars and 128,920 cigarettes (644 cartons) were all seized by HM Customs during this incident, further investigation into which is ongoing.

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And officers of HM Customs also arrested a man at British Lines Road on Monday evening. He was challenged after being seen approaching the frontier fence in a Spanish-registered car. The 33 year old from La Linea was arrested after a search of the vehicle and surrounding area recovered 30,000 cigarettes (150 cartons) contained in three holdalls.

The Spanish national has been bailed to surrender on November 6th.

The vehicle and the cigarettes have been seized by HM Customs.