



HM GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR

HM CUSTOMS
Custom House
Waterport



PRESS RELEASE

No: 759/2013

Date: 28th October 2013

Drug and cigarette seizures

HM Customs have arrested five men in three separate incidents in the last 48 hours.

23 year old Sebastian GIL Seliva was arrested at the Land Frontier; the La Linea resident walked in from Spain around midday on Friday and was found to be in possession of 1.1g of Cocaine, a class A drug, which was concealed within his clothing. He will appear in the Magistrates' Court charged with the importation and possession of a controlled drug.

In a separate incident, two men were arrested in the Mons Calpe Road area in the early hours of the morning for obstructing Customs Officers. Officers of HM Customs spotted suspect activity and consequently intercepted a small Rigid-hulled Inflatable Boat near the shoreline. A 32 year old local man and a 24 year old Spanish national, resident in La Linea, were arrested at the scene. A search of the area resulted in the detection of 100,000 cigarettes (500 cartons). The cigarettes and the vessel have been seized by HM Customs. Both men have been bailed to surrender on November 23rd. Investigation into the matter continues.

At Eastern beach on Thursday evening, two men were challenged by officers of HM Customs as they approached the frontier fence carrying holdalls. The men attempted to evade arrest and were pursued and arrested by Customs. The bags were found to contain 12,000 cigarettes (60 cartons). Both men, Spanish nationals resident in La Linea, have been bailed to surrender on November 20th.

T: +350 200 78879 (c3741); F: +350 200 46706 (c3706); e: hmcustoms@gibraltar.gov.gi