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### **Cigarette seizure at Eastern Beach**

Last night at around 10pm, officers of HM Customs gave chase to a suspect who had been sighted carrying three large bags north from Eastern Beach towards the frontier fence. Customs chased the man in a foot pursuit and forced him to drop the bags. The man evaded capture by returning, empty-handed, to the public beach where he was collected by a second man driving a Spanish registered car.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing. The bags were retrieved and found to contain 20,000 cigarettes (100 cartons).

The cigarettes have been seized by HM Customs.

In an unrelated matter, 32 year old David SUAREZ Fernandez, a Spanish national from La Linea, was sentenced yesterday in the Magistrates' Court to a fine of £600 consequent to a plea of guilty to possession of 8,000 cigarettes (40 cartons) found in his vehicle when he was stopped by Customs in the exit loop to Spain on November 4th 2013.

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