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Cigarette Seizures and related arrests

Officers of HM Customs arrested a Spanish national outside retail premises in Fish Market Road yesterday afternoon. The 22 year old from La Linea was seen in possession of 8,000 cigarettes (40 cartons). A search of the nearby area resulted in the detection of a further 20,000 cigarettes (100 cartons) in a locally registered vehicle. The man is to surrender to bail on March 6th.

The cigarettes and the car have been seized by HM Customs and further investigation is ongoing.

In an unrelated incident, a youth was arrested at Eastern Beach for obstructing a Customs Officer and refusing to follow a direction by Customs to leave an area demarcated as a Special Zone under the provisions of the Tobacco Act. The 16 year old Spanish national from La Linea has been bailed until March.

Meanwhile a German national was arrested at Catalan Bay at midday yesterday after Customs searched his German registered vehicle and found 7,660 cigarettes (over 38 cartons). Royal Gibraltar Police assisted in this incident and the 45 year old from Lubeck, Germany is to surrender on Feb 6th. The commercial quantity of cigarettes has been seized by HM Customs.

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