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FURTHER CUSTOMS ARRESTS AND SEIZURES

On 5th February, two vehicles at the public car park in Queensway were suspected of being involved in illegal tobacco activity. A search of one of the vehicles revealed 22.65 Kg of rolling tobacco, and a possible concealment in the other vehicle which was later found to contain 24.60 Kg of rolling tobacco. The vehicles have been detained pending further enquiries.

On 8th February, the HM Customs Marine Unit intercepted a small rigid hulled inflatable boat (RHIB) close to the airport runway off Emmerson's Place. Whilst attempting evasive manoeuvres, the RHIB's engine dislodged from the hull and the vessel came to a stop. Customs officers boarded the vessel and seized 500 cartons of cigarettes and arrested the two individuals on board. Both the cigarettes and RHIB have been seized by Customs.

During the past seven days, Customs officers at the land frontier in three separate incidents have seized cash totalling £21,505 under the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act. Upon application to the court, the monies have been withheld, pending further investigation.