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## **Kennedy congratulates vigilance of Dublin Airport Custom's Officials on Cannabis seizure**

The vigilance of customs officials in Dublin Airport who seized over 18 kgs of herbal cannabis last night (October 11, 2007) should be highly commended, according to North Dublin's Deputy Michael Kennedy (FF).

Deputy Kennedy said: "Thanks to the quick thinking and constant alertness of the Custom Service's eagle-eyed officers at Dublin Airport we can see that the war on drugs is being fought vigilantly on a day-to-day basis."

"This is the second such large seizure of cannabis in as many months and Customs Officials have clearly been concentrating of flights coming from South Africa, which bares all the hallmarks of being a popular route for drug traffickers."

"The drugs, which have a street value of €216,000 were found in a concealed compartment in the luggage of a 41-year South African woman who was traveling from Johannesburg via Zurich. She was taken to Santry Garda Station and appeared in Court this morning, where she was remanded in custody for one week."

"This seizure is just one in a long line of Garda successes this year. Every drug arrest contributes to the fight against drugs and last night's events prove that our airports are still the primary entry point of narcotics into Ireland."

"As the local TD in North Dublin, I will continue to work closely with the Dublin Airport Authorities and Customs Officials in their fight against all types of smuggling and I will carry on campaigning for further Garda and Revenue resources in the entire Dublin North region."