

Huge Heroin Bust: Largest Seizure for Border Services in Alberta



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CALGARY - A recent drug bust at the Calgary International Airport has resulted in the largest heroin seizure for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in Alberta.

CBSA says a total of 16 kilograms of heroin was intercepted in two separate incidents.

The first was on April 24th, when border agents discovered about 12 kilograms of heroin in the suitcase of man returning to Canada from Amsterdam.

“The traveller exhibited signs of nervousness and agitation, those are the things CBSA officers rely on,” says the CBSA’s airport chief of operations Candace Lyle. “If everything is above board, you don’t display those kinds of indicators.”

The substance was found in a false bottom, and discovered while the luggage was put through an x-ray machine.



“We drilled a hole through the side of the bag into the suspected mass, take a sample of what’s in there, tested it, and it came back as suspected narcotics.”

In the second seizure, on April 30th, border agents found four kilograms of heroin in the suitcase of a woman returning to Canada from Amsterdam. Again, officers found false bottoms in her luggage during the x-ray process.

Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have both been arrested and turned over to RCMP.

Officials say the first seizure on April 24th was the largest heroin seizure ever for the CBSA in Alberta.

“Combined these are the largest drug seizures so far this year,” said Lauren D. Delgaty, Regional Director General for the Prairie Region.