



## Joint Press Release



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### DRUG INTERCEPTION

A joint operation between the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority (FRCA), Fiji Police Force's Transnational Crime Unit and the Organized Crime Unit led to the arrest of man for allegedly trying to import Methamphetamine into the country.

The drugs came through the General Post Office and the 27-year-old salesman was arrested after he collected the consignment at the Post Fiji counter.

"The parcel arrived at the Post Office through control delivery by the Border Police after the drugs were initially detected by a K9 of the Detector Dog Unit and tested positive for Methamphetamine", FRCA Chief Executive Officer Mr. Visvanath Das said.

The parcel was then delivered to Suva Post Office and the suspect arrested.

"We work closely with Police to intercept drugs to prevent them from entering Fiji. Our borders are safe and we continue to ensure that such hard drugs do not enter Fiji", Mr. Das stressed.

The 27-year-old suspect appeared in the Suva Magistrates court yesterday afternoon.

Police Commissioner Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho said the capabilities of all stakeholders at our borders is indicative of our commitment to keeping these illicit substances from reaching innocent parties.

"Our combined capabilities make it difficult for those wanting to smuggle in these illicit substances and the success of this controlled operation is a testament of that".

"We have gone to great lengths to train our officers and have also included K-9 capabilities who can easily detect suspicious activity as we continue to protect our borders from such illegal activities".

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