



Press Release

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KRPf efforts lead to drug seizure

Kuujuuaq, Quebec, April 3, 2019 – The Kativik Regional Police Force seized 132 grams of an illegal drug believed to be cocaine at the Puvirnituk airport on Tuesday afternoon.

A 19 year-old woman is being detained by police and will appear in court by telephone later today.

Police obtained a search warrant after receiving an anonymous tip that an illicit drug was being transported in luggage on a flight from Montreal to Inukjuak.

However bad weather forced the flight to land in Puvirnituk where police immediately searched the luggage and recovered 265 individual bags containing a powdery substance believed to be cocaine. Expert analysis is being carried out by police to confirm the substance.

The drug seizure was successfully executed due to a joint effort by the KRPf investigative unit in close cooperation with KRPf police detachments in Kuujuaraapik, Inukjuak and Puvirnituk.

The KRPf reminds citizens that any information concerning suspicious activities, including the illegal sale of drugs and alcohol, can anonymously be disclosed to *Crime Stoppers* by dialing the following toll free number: 1-800-711-1800. Information received may qualify for a reward of up to \$2,000.

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The Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPf) was created by the Kativik Regional Government in 1996 with the participation of the Solicitor General of Canada and the Ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec (public security) to maintain peace, order and public safety in Nunavut. The KRPf has police detachments in all 14 communities. The mission of the KRPf and each of its members pursuant to the Police Act is to maintain peace, order and public security; to prevent and repress crime and offences under the law and municipal by-laws in the Kativik Region; as well as to apprehend offenders.