

Czech fugitive arrested

On Saturday, 21 April 2007 during a crime intelligence-led operation, members of the South African Police Service arrested Mr Radovan Krejcir (38) on an Interpol red notice.

Krejcir, who had been wanted by the police of the Czech Republic for over two years, was arrested at the OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg, after arriving on a flight from Madagascar

at approximately 17:15. He was travelling on a fraudulent passport under the name of Egbert Jules Savy. He is considered to be an international fugitive, believed to have spent some time in the Seychelles before stopping over in Madagascar en route to South Africa. It is believed that he intended to settle in South Africa. Krejcir is wanted in the Czech Republic on charges of fraud involving hundreds of millions of euros, as well as for con-

spiracy to commit murder. The charges relate to a complex fraud scheme intended to cause financial losses to the Czech Republic, allegedly committed between December 2004 and August 2005 when the red notice was issued. The matter was attended to by the South African Police Service, supported by the South African Secret Service, at the request of the police of the Czech Republic.



International fugitive, Radovan Krejcir was arrested by the SAPS

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Cocaine seized at OR Tambo International Airport

On 28 April 2007, the South African Police Service Border Control team seized a huge consignment of cocaine at the OR Tambo International Airport.

The cocaine originated from South America and arrived at the cargo area of the airport in three boxes. The boxes were marked as engine parts, but after being profiled, officials became suspicious of the contents. The boxes were opened and cocaine with a street value of over R60 million was discovered inside plastic containers.

It is unclear at this stage whether the drugs were intended for local consumption or for another African country. However, we do know that the drugs have



already been refined for consumption by the user. There has not been any attempt to smuggle drugs or contraband in very large quantities through the airport for several months. Our successes between November 2005 and June 2006, when we detected and seized several hun-

dred million rands worth of drugs, had brought a sudden halt to drug smuggling through this airport. It would seem that drug syndicates are once again trying to smuggle drugs through this port of entry and again, without success.

In a separate incident on Friday, 27 April 2007, police at the OR Tambo International Airport arrested

a drug mule and two West Africans for attempting to smuggle cocaine into the country. Members from Crime Intelligence were alerted that drugs were brought into the country.

Initially, they spotted the carrier and kept him under surveillance. The carrier then led the detectives to the two West Africans in the parking area of the airport where two of their vehicles were also seized. The three men appeared in the Kempton Park Magistrates' Court on Monday, 30 April 2007.

While we are being proactive in our approach to drugs, we also have detectives conducting round-the-clock investigations, arresting and charging drug dealers and users. We will continue to hound drug dealers until we can, ideally, get rid of drugs.

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