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Customs Success on Western Beach

Following a recent spike in tobacco smuggling in the area of Western Beach, officers of HM Customs Flexible Anti-Smuggling Team and Enforcement conducted an operation that result in the arrest of five persons and the seizure of a motor vehicle and 209 cartons of cigarettes.

During an afternoon, Customs officers dressed in beach gear arrested three Spanish 19 year old males as they attempted a run along Western Beach to the frontier fence and another two Spanish females were arrested for transporting the cigarettes. In total, cigarettes with an approximate value of £4,000, were confiscated.

All five persons have been released on bail till the 26th of October.

HM Customs is planning various other measures to counter illicit smuggling activity in this area.