

CBP Seizes 47 Pounds of Cocaine in Shipment from St. Vincent and the Grenadines

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers intercepted a shipment from St. Vincent and the Grenadines containing 47.4 pounds of cocaine hidden inside hair conditioner jars at a Puerto Rico cargo facility. The package was destined for Thailand.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers successfully intercepted a shipment containing 47.4 pounds (21.5 kilograms) of cocaine concealed inside 51 jars of hair conditioner. The contraband, with an estimated street value of \$361,200, was part of a package destined for Thailand.

The seizure took place on January 28 at the FedEx cargo facility at Rafael Hernandez Airport, during CBP's routine package inspection operations. Officers flagged a shipment originating from St. Vincent and the Grenadines for further examination after a non-intrusive x-ray scan revealed anomalies among 59 hair conditioner jars in the package.

Upon conducting a physical inspection, officers discovered that 51 of the jars contained a white powder, sealed inside vacuum pouches. A field test confirmed the substance as cocaine.

"Our CBP Officers continue their vigilance at the Express Consignment Cargo Facilities and effectively employ their experience combined with available technology to detect and deter smuggling activities exploiting the supply chain," said Carlos Nieves, Port Director for the Mayagüez-Aguadilla Port of Entry.

CBP said it remains committed to safeguarding America's borders, preventing the entry of dangerous substances, and protecting the public from criminal smuggling networks. The agency also plays a crucial role in ensuring national security while facilitating legitimate trade and travel, enhancing global economic competitiveness.