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## PRESS RELEASE

### **INCREASED NUMBER OF SEIZURES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2018**

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018 - During the first three months of 2018, the St. Kitts – Nevis Customs and Excise Department, has seen an increase in the number seizures of contraband.

There were a total of six seizures over the said period, twice as much for the same period in 2017. In total the six seizures accounts for the seizure of cannabis, with a street value of approximately \$450,000.00 ECD, one pistol with a matching magazine, one revolver, and cocaine. The most recent seizure being that of cannabis was seized on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The said seizure was concealed in a microwave in an attempt to evade officers of the CED (see picture 1). All six seizures are presently under investigation.

The Acting Comptroller of Customs commends officers of the CED for their diligence, and ensures the general public, that the CED is committed to improving its capability to interdict illicit cross border activities and bring to justice the perpetrators of such illegal activities.



Picture 1