

## **IN THE UKRAINIAN'S CAR, BORDER GUARDS DISCOVERED A SHOTGUN AND AMMUNITION**

A 39-year-old resident of Dnipro was heading to exit Ukraine in a passenger car through the "Maliy Berezhnyi" checkpoint. During the inspection of his vehicle, a service dog alerted the border guards. As a result, the car was directed for a thorough inspection, the results of which confirmed the reaction of the four-legged assistant. In the trunk of the car, law enforcement officers discovered an item disassembled and resembling a "Zimson" brand shotgun. Additionally, under the car seat, they found 19 cartridges for a smoothbore firearm.

National Police officers were called to the scene. The discovered items were seized by the investigative-operational group according to a handover-receipt process. The actions of the individual from Dnipro are considered to be signs of an offense, the responsibility for which is outlined in Article 263 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, "Illegal Handling of Weapons, Ammunition, or Explosives."

## **AT THE "UZHGOROD" CHECKPOINT, ANCIENT PRINTED BOOKS WERE DISCOVERED IN AN ATTEMPT TO ILLEGALLY EXPORT FROM UKRAINE**

Border guards of the Chop unit, together with customs officials, prevented an attempt to illegally export two ancient printed books, one of which was of Ukrainian origin and the other from foreign publication.

During the inspection of a Czech-registered "Mercedes" passenger car heading to Slovakia, religious-themed antique books were discovered. The car was being used by a citizen of Romania along with a Ukrainian citizen.

The books, "Lives of the Saints," dated 1906, and "Rules for Holy Communion," dated 1900, were found in the trunk of the vehicle among the belongings of the Ukrainian citizen from Zakarpattia.

Currently, the antique items have been seized by customs officials. Their historical and cultural value will be determined by a relevant expert.

## **IN THE CAR OF A RESIDENT OF ZAKARPATTIA, 160 SMARTPHONES AND A QUADCOPTER WERE FOUND**

At the "Maliy Berezhnyy" checkpoint, border guards in collaboration with customs officials discovered a batch of used "Apple" brand mobile terminals and a quadcopter in the vehicle of a 28-year-old Ukrainian citizen.

The woman was heading to enter Ukraine in a Ukrainian-registered "Mercedes" minibus. Based on risk analysis and assessment, law enforcement officers decided to conduct a thorough inspection of the vehicle. Operational unit personnel were also involved in the inspection.

During the inspection, border guards and customs officials found 160 "Apple" brand mobile phones of different models and a "DJI MAVIC-3" quadcopter in the cargo compartment. These items were being attempted to be brought into Ukraine without proper declaration.

The discovered items were seized by customs officials.

## **IN ZAKARPATTIA, BORDER GUARDS DISCOVERED A HIDING PLACE WITH CIGARETTES IN A FREIGHT TRUCK**

Border guards of the Chop unit, in collaboration with customs officials, discovered a batch of tobacco products that were being illegally transported from Ukraine to Hungary at the "Tysa" checkpoint.

In the evening, a freight truck of the "Mercedes" brand arrived at the checkpoint for exiting Ukraine, driven by a 47-year-old Ukrainian. According to documents, he was transporting broiler chicken meat. During the inspection of the truck, law enforcement officers became suspicious of the possible transportation of goods and items hidden from control. Therefore, the vehicle was directed for a thorough inspection.

A border guard service dog was involved in the inspection, which helped uncover a hiding place with tobacco products in the vehicle. It was later revealed that in the front part of the trailer, behind the wall of the refrigerated compartment, there were hidden 969 packs of tobacco products intended for clandestine transportation across the border.

The hidden tobacco products were seized by customs officials in accordance with the established legislation. Their value is currently being determined.

### **AT THE "TISA" CHECKPOINT, A VEHICLE WAS FOUND THAT ATTEMPTED TO SMUGGLE A LARGE SUM OF CASH**

During the inspection of a "Chrysler" passenger car driven by a 57-year-old resident of Zakarpattia at the "Tisa" checkpoint, law enforcement officers discovered a substantial amount of money. Upon entering the checkpoint, the man chose the "green corridor" for control, indicating that he supposedly had no restricted items or objects for crossing the state border.

However, during the inspection of the vehicle, law enforcement officers found 3,300,000 hryvnias (Ukrainian currency) hidden in the driver's travel belongings. Several bags containing the money were found. Part of the money was concealed within the vehicle's cabin and the cargo compartment.

Currently, the discovered amount of 2,908,954 hryvnias has been seized by customs officials in accordance with the established legislation. Investigative measures are also being carried out to establish all the circumstances of the case.

### **AT THE BORDER WITH HUNGARY, ESCAPEES LEFT 8 BOXES OF CIGARETTES**

Yesterday evening, border guards of the Chop unit thwarted an attempt to illegally transport a batch of untaxed tobacco products from Ukraine to Hungary.

In the implementation of operational information, operational unit personnel detected the movement of two individuals towards the state border in the area of responsibility of the "Salovka" division.

Border guards initiated pursuit of the unknown individuals. Upon spotting law enforcement officers, the suspects abandoned their packages and fled towards the village of Esen in the Uzhhorod district.

In the abandoned packages, law enforcement officers counted 4,000 packs of untaxed tobacco products without Ukrainian excise marks. The packages were transported to a border unit for further processing.

## **NEAR THE BORDER WITH HUNGARY, SMUGGLERS WERE DETAINED ATTEMPTING TO TRANSPORT A BATCH OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

Movement of the unknown individuals towards the state border was detected by military personnel of the "Solomonovo" division using special technical means. A group of operational unit personnel was dispatched to the area of activity.

During search operations, border guards discovered two men near the settlement of Chop, who were heading towards the state border while carrying three packages of cigarettes.

When the suspects noticed the border patrol, they attempted to escape. To stop the escapees, law enforcement officers were forced to fire a warning shot into the air.

The men were in possession of Ukrainian citizen passport documents and were residents of the city of Chop. In their packages, a total of 3,750 packs of untaxed tobacco products without Ukrainian excise marks were counted.

The detained individuals were transported to a border unit for clarifying the circumstances of the offense and drafting administrative procedural documents. They will be held accountable for attempting to illegally cross the state border. Additionally, their actions are seen as a violation under Article 185-10, Part 1 of the Code of Administrative Offences of Ukraine ("Malicious disobedience to a legal order or demand of a military serviceman or employee of the State Border Guard Service").