



Officer Awareness - Internal Swallowing Currency Trend

- Officer's should be aware of a new modus operandi in regards to currency being smuggled. Foreign authorities advise that currency is now being swallowed and/or inserted.
- Officer's should keep this technique in mind when questioning traveler's who may be suspected of carrying undeclared currency.
- BSO's should be aware that Mexico has no restrictions as to how much currency is allowed to cross the border as long as it is declared. Authorities do report that searches often reveal large amounts in the traveler's possession.



The above pics show a young woman travelling to Colombia in May of 2017 that had packs of bank-notes hidden in her clothes and inside her body. This particular seizure totalled 38, 000 US dollars.

[EIOD First Point of Contact Duty Matrix](#)

Officers are encouraged to use the **Occurrence Reporting System (ORS)**—when Duty Pager Matrix thresholds are not met—to report any other incidents involving, or suspected of involving, illegal cross border activity. ORS reports are submitted electronically to Regional Intelligence, and are crucial to the success of the CBSA enforcement program.

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