



TRANSPORTATION SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT REPORT

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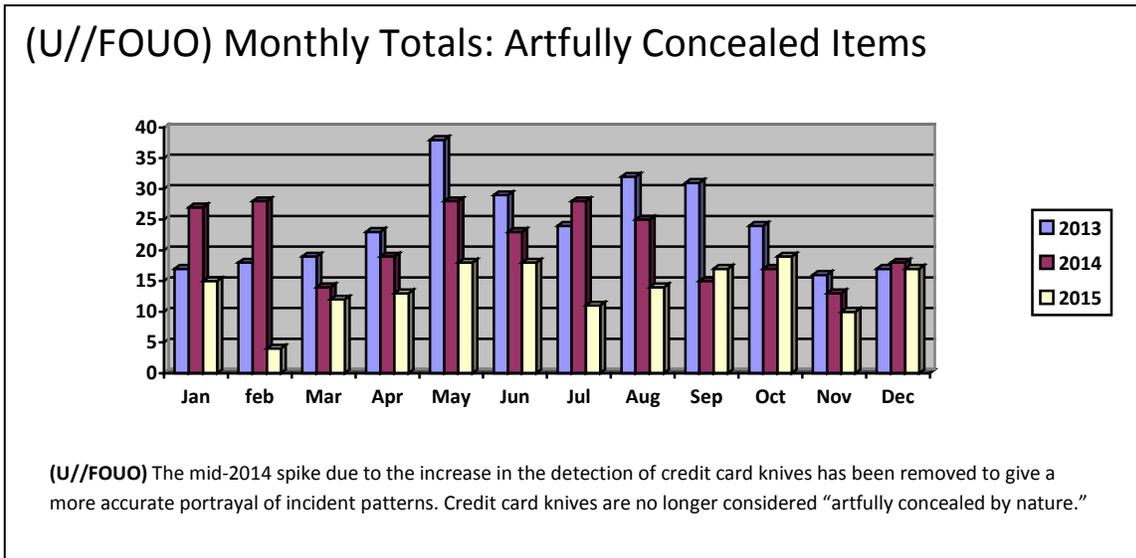
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(U) PURPOSE

(U//FOUO) The *Transportation Suspicious Incident Report (TSIR)* provides a monthly review of suspicious incident reporting related to transportation. The TSIR includes reporting that highlights unusual incidents in the various transportation modes, with the intent to provide situational awareness to TSA employees and our stakeholders. This product is derived from unclassified incident and law enforcement reporting and does not represent fully evaluated intelligence.

(U) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

(U//FOUO) The bulk of suspicious incident reporting continues to occur in the aviation sector. During the month of December 2015, incidents of “artfully concealed” items rose to 17, higher than the number of similar reports from the month of November; this number reflects similar heightened levels of suspicious activity reported during the month of December in previous years. The examples highlighted in this report are noteworthy for the behavior, size, or unique tactic of concealment involved. Weapon, ammunition, and drug smuggling in an artfully concealed manner continued during this reporting period. Some incidents of significance this month involved unconventional techniques utilizing wine bottles, children’s books, and appliances to conceal drugs. While this month’s incidents appear to be mostly criminal in nature, all of the tactics could be used to smuggle items for more nefarious purposes. Security personnel should therefore continue to maintain vigilance.



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(U//FOUO) United Kingdom: Heroin Discovered in Books at London Heathrow International Airport (LHR). On 1 December, smugglers hid heroin inside the covers of children's books at LHR. Border Force staff found and seized the 400-gram stash of heroin

with the help of sniffer dogs. The white powder was stuffed inside copies of *My First 100 Machines* and *My First 100 Numbers*. The package containing the books originated in Nairobi, Kenya, and was headed for Ontario in Canada. [<http://www.standard.co.uk>] **(Press Photo)**



(U//FOUO) Puerto Rico: Concealed Cocaine Discovered at San Juan Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU). On 26 December, the checked bag of an American Airlines Flight 838 (SJU-PHL) passenger alarmed. The source of the alarm was determined to be a deep fat fryer. An examination of the fryer determined it had a false bottom lining that contained a white, powdery substance. Puerto Rico Police and the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) field tested the powder, which tested positive as 2.3

kilograms of crack cocaine. DEA took possession of the passenger's bag. The passenger was arrested on a state charge of *"Possession with Intent to Distribute."* **[TSA-12-33596-15] (TSA Photo)**



(U//FOUO) California: Marijuana Discovered at Sacramento International Airport (SMF). On 23 December, the checked luggage of an American Airlines Flight 1126 (SMF-DFW) passenger alarmed. A bag search revealed 10 vacuum-packed plastic sacks covered in holiday wrapping paper. Each sack contained a green, leafy substance. The Sacramento County Sheriff

confirmed the contraband was marijuana and immediately confiscated the drug. The passenger was arrested on a state charge of *"Possession of Marijuana for Sale."* **[TSA-12-33251-15] (TSA Photo)**



(U//FOUO) Indonesia: British Tourist Attempts to Board Plane with a Toy Bomb at Bali Airport (BLC). According to Indonesian officials, on 6 December, a plane packed with tourists departing the island of Bali was forced to return to the terminal because a British passenger had attempted to bring a toy bomb onboard. The individual was questioned and initially cleared by airport security officials and local police. The

individual told officials that he bought the item—featuring a timer attached to what looked like

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sticks of dynamite—at a toy store. He reportedly intended to take it to a New Year’s Eve party. He declared the toy bomb to the first line of screening officials at the airport and asked if he could bring it on the flight. The officials informed him that the item was not allowed on the aircraft, so he left it at the security checkpoint and proceeded to check in with a female companion. When the report reached the airport general manager, however, the passenger was called back for further questioning. The flight bound for Doha had already taxied onto the tarmac to prepare for takeoff and was ordered to return to the terminal. The passenger and his companion were escorted off the plane. The flight then departed for Doha and the British tourists were questioned first by airport security officials and then by police in the provincial capital of Denpasar. The couple was finally cleared and released from custody, more than 24 hours after they were removed from the plane. [<http://www.telegraph.co.uk>] (Press Photo)



(U//FOUO) France: French Police Detain Woman with Fake Pregnant Belly 'Intended to Hide Bomb'. French counterterrorism police detained a woman found with a fake pregnant belly, which she may have planned to use to conceal explosives for a suicide attack. The arrest occurred during a period of high terror alert for the holiday season, a month and a half after Islamic extremists killed 130 people in Paris. The woman and her

partner were arrested for condoning terrorism, and investigators later found the fake belly when they searched their home in Montpellier. The fake belly was covered in aluminum foil in a possible attempt to make its contents undetectable at security gates. Female suicide bombers have hidden explosives in fake pregnancy bellies for attacks in the Middle East on numerous occasions, and prosthetic stomachs have also been used to conceal drugs. Police found Islamic extremist propaganda on the couple’s computer in their home, in addition to evidence of online searches for information on how to make bombs. No explosives were found. Counterterrorism police did not indicate what the suspect may have been planning.

[<http://www.telegraph.co.uk>] (Press Photo)



(U//FOUO) Virginia: Heroin Discovered at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). On 11 December, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized nine pounds of heroin from a man at IAD. The man, who requested entry into the country as a business courier on a flight from Guatemala, had hidden the drugs in his luggage inside plastic bags labeled as oatmeal powder. CBP officers discovered the nine plastic bags, which contained a brown

powdery substance that tested positive for heroin. The total weight of the heroin was 9 pounds, 4 ounces. After extensive interviews with the courier, authorities were satisfied that he was an unwitting accomplice in the scheme, so he was not criminally prosecuted; however, CBP found him inadmissible and processed him as an expedited removal, barring his return to the United States for a minimum of five years. [<http://www.loudountimes.com>] (CBP Photo)

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(U//FOUO) South Africa: Liquid Cocaine Found at O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg (JNB).

On 10 December, South African Revenue Service officials at JNB confiscated liquid cocaine valued at US \$126,000. The cocaine was discovered in wine bottles inside two parcels, each one marked as a “gift” and wrapped in holiday wrapping paper. The officials found the contents of each parcel to be “two bottles of wine,” but the liquid inside the bottles seemed thicker than

wine. Closer inspection revealed signs of tampering around the mouth of the bottles and cracks sealed with glue. The liquid was consequently removed, tested, and found to be cocaine. The cocaine was handed over to police for further investigation.

[<http://www.timeslive.co.za>] (File Photo)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Intelligence Community (IC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry: Airport | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry: Passenger Air |
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- Very satisfied
 Somewhat Satisfied
 Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied
 Somewhat Dissatisfied
 Very Dissatisfied

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