

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 OFFICE OF HEARINGS
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the matter of:)	
)	FDMS No. Unassigned
AARON HANSON)	Case No. 2019SO270022
)	

JUDGE NOT ASSIGNED

COMPLAINT

HEARING DOCKET
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The Complainant hereby files its Complaint, pursuant to Rule 208 of the Rules of Practice in FAA Civil Penalty Actions (14 C.F.R. § 13.208), and states as follows:

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I.

Respondent Aaron Hanson ("Mr. Hanson") was advised through a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty dated July 8, 2019, that the FAA proposed to assess a civil penalty in the amount of \$19,816. After receiving information from Mr. Hanson, the FAA issued a Final Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty dated December 4, 2019 proposing to assess a civil penalty of \$15,000. By a letter dated December 16, 2019, Respondent mailed a request for a hearing to the Office of Hearings.

II.

1. On or about January 28, 2019, Mr. Hanson was a passenger aboard a civil aircraft operated by Delta Airlines as flight number 2986 from San Francisco, CA to Atlanta, GA.

2. During the operation of the above-referenced flight:

- a. Mr. Hanson was intoxicated;
 - b. Mr. Hanson rang the call button for a crewmember's assistance;
 - c. When the crewmember arrived, Mr. Hanson's pants were unbuttoned and falling off;
 - d. Mr. Hanson requested the crewmember's assistance with getting to the lavatory;
 - e. Mr. Hanson soiled the lavatory floor by urinating in it;
 - f. Mr. Hanson was singing loudly while in the lavatory;
 - g. Once Mr. Hanson was placed back in his seat, he started arguing loudly with his wife and other passengers;
 - h. Mr. Hanson continued to use vulgarity directed towards crewmembers and other passengers;
 - i. A crewmember was compelled to place restraints on Mr. Hanson; and
 - j. During the course of the flight, Mr. Hanson struck another passenger.
3. As a result of Mr. Hanson's actions, the flight was diverted and landed in Salt Lake City, UT.
 4. Once the flight landed in Salt Lake City, Mr. Hanson was escorted by police officers off the aircraft.
 5. Mr. Hanson's above-described actions interfered with crewmembers' duties.

III.

1. By reason of the foregoing, it appears that Mr. Hanson failed to comply with the following Federal Aviation Regulations: 14 C.F.R. § 121.580 in that no person may

interfere with a crewmember in the performance of the crewmember's duties aboard an aircraft being operated under this part.

2. Further, by reason of the foregoing, it appears that Mr. Hanson failed to comply with the following federal statute: 49 U.S.C. § 46318(a) in that no person may physically assault or threaten to physically assault a member of the flight crew or cabin crew of a civil aircraft or any other individual on the aircraft or take any action that poses an imminent threat to the safety of the aircraft or the individuals on the aircraft.
3. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 46301(a)(5), Mr. Hanson is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$13,066 for each violation of the Federal Aviation Regulations.
4. Under the facts and circumstances of this case and in accordance with the Administrator's Sanction Guidance in FAA Order 2150.3B, Appendix B, a civil penalty of \$15,000 is appropriate for the violations in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Complainant respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge enter an order that Respondent be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$15,000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: January 3, 2020

NOTE:

Pursuant to 14 C.F.R. § 13.209(a), a written answer to a complaint must be filed no later than thirty (30) days after service of the complaint.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date, I have sent by U.S. Certified Mail – return receipt requested a copy of the foregoing complaint in the matter of Aaron Hanson, DOT Office of Hearing Docket No. unassigned, FAA Case No. 2019SO270022, to:

Aaron Hanson
238 Bonita Road
St. Augustine, FL 32086

Aaron Hanson
224 Spring Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084

In addition, I hereby certify that on this date, I have sent the original and one copy of the foregoing by personal delivery to:

Federal Aviation Administration,
600 Independence Avenue, SW.,
Wilbur Wright Building—Suite 2W1000,
Washington, DC 20591;
Attention: Hearing Docket Clerk, AGC-430

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