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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>AARON JUSTIN HANSON,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant.</p>	<p>Case No. <i>2:19mj79 PMW</i></p> <p>CRIMINAL COMPLAINT</p> <p>VIO: 49 U.S.C. § 46504</p> <p>INTERFERENCE WITH A FLIGHT CREW</p> <p>Chief Magistrate Judge Paul Warner</p>
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Before a United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Utah, appeared the undersigned, who on oath deposes and says:

COUNT 1

On or about January 29, 2019, in the Central Division of the District of Utah and elsewhere,

AARON JUSTIN HANSON,

the Defendant herein, in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 46501(2), did assault and intimidate flight attendants and crew members of an aircraft, thereby interfering with the performance of the duties of the flight attendants and crew members and lessening the ability of the flight attendants and crew members to perform those duties, all in violation of and punishable under 49 U.S.C. § 46504.

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Complainant states that this complaint is based on information obtained through investigation consisting of the following:

I, Allen J. Christensen, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am a sergeant with the Salt Lake City Police Department, currently assigned as a TFO with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force. My present assignment includes the investigation of offenses occurring at the Salt Lake International Airport and in the Special Aircraft Jurisdiction of the United States.

2. On or about January 29, 2019 an aircraft was diverted into Salt Lake City International Airport due to an intoxicated and unruly male passenger. The

passenger, who was later identified as AARON JUSTIN HANSON, had to be restrained by flight attendants and passengers due to his actions.

3. Delta Airlines flight #2986 originated from San Francisco and was en route to Atlanta when it was determined by the flight Captain and flight attendants to divert to Salt Lake City. Witness statements reported that HANSON was “being loud, disruptive, yelling obscenities, and not following flight attendants orders.”

4. It was reported that HANSON had allegedly assaulted a female passenger as well. One witness statement stated that a “passenger was very drunk and high. I and others could easily smell it.” The witness statement continued stating “He started off being loud as the flight took off. He then fell asleep. When he awoke he was belligerent to the passenger next to him. He then tried while turbulence was occurring to go to the bathroom. He was very sloppy and falling exiting his seat into the aisle.” The witness wrote in their statement that they observed HANSON hit another passenger in the face. The witness could not tell if it was intentional but mentions that HANSON had “hit her pretty hard.”

5. Another witness statement written by one of the flight attendants on-board states that he had interjected himself when HANSON and a female on the flight were yelling. He advised HANSON to walk away and asked the female passenger what had happened. The female passenger advised the flight attendant

that HANSON was “clearly intoxicated as he could barely stand up”. The passenger advised that she was watching a movie when “all of a sudden he fell and smacked her in the face.” The guy, (referring to HANSON) stated that he had to pee and that’s when the flight attendant observed that HANSON’s pants were “halfway off”. The flight attendant asked HANSON why his pants were down and HANSON again stated that he had to urinate.

6. The Flight attendant asked HANSON to pull his pants up and as HANSON walked away, the flight attendant wrote in his statement that HANSON “could barely stand”. The Flight attendant attempted to escort HANSON back to the lavatory and the flight attendant wrote that HANSON “couldn’t keep his pants on”. The flight attendant had to hold HANSON’s pants up for him as he walked because HANSON would not do it for himself.

7. As HANSON was in the lavatory, the flight attendant went back to attend to the passenger that HANSON had hit. As the flight attendant was providing ice to the passenger, the passenger advised the flight attendant that after HANSON fell on her, he wouldn’t leave the area. After speaking to the passenger, the flight attendant advised the flight captain of the situation. After advising the Captain, the flight attendant, the flight attendant then went back to check on HANSON who was still in the lavatory. When the flight attendant approached the lavatory he

could hear HANSON “singing and saying profanities”. The flight attendant knocked on the lavatory door to check on HANSON and he told the flight attendant to come in. When the flight attendant opened the door HANSON was “leaning forward” with his “pants still on” and was “clearly intoxicated”. As the flight attendant was about to close the door, HANSON yelled “The gays are trying to look at my **** [penis]!” HANSON’s wife came to assist at this point.

8. The flight attendants made arrangements for HANSON and his wife to sit at the rear of the plane. The flight attendant wrote in his statement that HANSON “could barely stand and fell straight into the seats.” After a few minutes, HANSON started “yelling and being belligerent” and the flight attendants asked him to calm down and keep quiet. The flight attendants handed him a cease and desist notice. HANSON “became louder and more belligerent”. The flight attendants then asked two passengers to assist with placing “tuff cuffs” on HANSON for his safety and the safety of others. The passengers had to sit with him for the duration of the flight. HANSON continued yelling and making obscenities.


9. The passenger who was hit in the face by HANSON provided a statement. She wrote that HANSON got out of his seat and turned to go to the rear of the plane. During that time he “wacked me across my face (left side) with his hand.” He knocked her glasses and headphones off of her face. According to her

statement, when she attempted to ask HANSON what he was doing, HANSON “lunged” at her. The passenger wrote that she pushed him off of her and called the flight attendant with the call button. She wrote that her lip became swollen and the flight attendant provided ice.

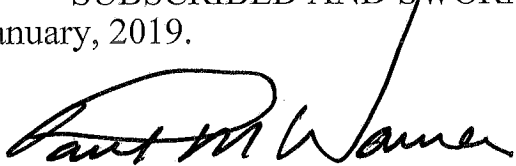
10. Another passenger provided a statement that stated that there was a passenger on the flight that “became belligerent due to some form of intoxication.” This passenger observed when HANSON leaned towards another passenger and the passenger wrote “it sounded as if he may have hit her and fell over her.” This passenger advised that he heard the female passenger yell at HANSON saying “you just hit me in the face” and the female passenger attempted to push him off of her and he fell on her again.

11. An off-duty police officer was onboard and assisted in cuffing HANSON. He wrote in his statement that they were able to get HANSON in his seat after he was cuffed and they seat belted HANSON into his seat. The Officer stated that he observed HANSON’s wife unbuckle HANSON’s seat belt and HANSON attempted to stand up. This officer had to physically assist HANSON back in his seat. As he was doing this, HANSON threatened to kick him, punch him, and urinate on him. This officer wrote that he “maintained physical control of

HANSON until they landed in Salt Lake City.

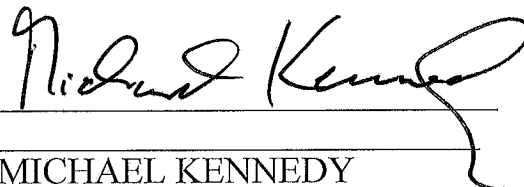

ALLEN J. CHRISTENSEN
Task Force Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 29th day of
January, 2019.


PAUL M. WARNER
Chief United States Magistrate Judge

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