



# Security Snippets

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## Russia Detains a US Citizen at Moscow Airport on Drug Smuggling Charges

Authorities in Russia have detained a U.S. citizen at a Moscow airport on drug smuggling charges, Mash, a Telegram channel which has sources in Russia's security services reported on Friday. News of the arrest comes days after Moscow freed Marc Fogel, a U.S. schoolteacher who had been jailed for 14 years for bringing marijuana into Russia. Fogel was freed in exchange for Alexander Vinnik, a Russian citizen jailed for money laundering in the U.S. Mash reported that the U.S. citizen, who it named only as K. Byers, had been detained on arrival at Moscow's Vnukovo airport and faced up to seven years in jail if found guilty of drugs charges by a court. It said that half a kilo of marijuana had been found in his luggage.





# Multiple Thefts Targeting Passengers, Shops, and Bars Reported at Palma Airport

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Concern has spread among the managers, supervisors, and operators of the various commercial establishments located outside the departure and arrival terminals at Palma Airport. Homeless individuals residing in the area have been identified as the perpetrators of repeated thefts in recent days, incidents that have been reported to the authorities, prompting the occasional intervention of National Police or private security personnel, and in some cases even Guardia Civil.





# Drone Causes Flight Diversions to Tenerife South Airport from Gran Canaria

The sighting of a drone near Gran Canaria Airport in the early hours of this morning, Wednesday, led to the diversion of three flights to Tenerife South Airport. According to sources from AENA, the drone was spotted at approximately 1:00am, flying close to the perimeter of the airport. As a precautionary measure, the standard protocol was activated, which involves diverting flights to prevent any potential incidents that could affect air traffic safety.

## Corporate Security Training

- Bomb Threat Management
- Understanding & Managing
- Security Threats
- Security Management
- Security Awareness for Employees
- First Line Crisis Mitigation
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# Tourist With 2.3 Kilos of Cocaine Strapped to His Legs Arrested at Barcelona Airport

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An airline passenger has been arrested at Barcelona airport with 2.3 kilos of cocaine strapped to his legs. The man was arrested on Wednesday, January 29, at Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport after arriving on a flight from South America. The National Police in Spain found the cocaine hidden in bandages on his legs after he stood out “because he behaved nervously at customs”, according to crimesite.nl. “When the man went through the security check, an X-ray scan revealed that he was carrying eight hard and compact plates of cocaine on both legs, both in the thigh area and in the calves.”





# Melbourne Mother Sentenced to 16 Years for Smuggling Drugs Into Taiwan



A Melbourne mother-of-five has been sentenced to 16 years in prison after being caught smuggling 7kg of cocaine and heroin into Taiwan. Debbie Voulgaris, 58, was arrested on December 10, 2023, at Taoyuan International Airport when customs officers discovered the drugs hidden in plastic bags inside her luggage during an X-ray inspection. According to evidence presented to the Taoyuan District Court, Voulgaris had picked up the suitcase containing the drugs—valued at 40 million New Taiwan dollars (approximately \$2 million AUD)—in Malaysia on December 8.

## Aviation & Maritime Training

- Aviation Security for Senior Management, Supervisors
- AVSEC for front-line Security Officers
- Tactical Profiling Course
- Bomb Threat Handling
- Document Verification Course (Travel documents)
- Check-point Screeners Course (x-ray)
- Regulated Agent Regime for Airfreight
- Understanding Explosives
- International Ship & Port Facility Security Code
- Maritime Security Audits & Inspections



# New Phase of Next Generation Security Screening Begins at Southampton Airport

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Southampton Airport has entered a new phase in its multi-million-pound project to enhance security screening with state-of-the-art Next Generation Security Checkpoint (NGSC) scanners. The installation of the NGSC scanners represents a major upgrade to the airport's security process. Once fully operational, these scanners will allow passengers to keep electronic devices, such as laptops, in their hand baggage during screening, significantly improving convenience and streamlining the security experience. As work continues over the next several months, passengers are advised to allow extra time for their journeys. Normal security preparation procedures will remain in place while the installation progresses.





# Brothers Deny Assaulting Police Officers at Manchester Airport



Two brothers have pleaded not guilty to assaulting police officers in a disturbance at Manchester Airport. Footage of the incident at the airport's Terminal Two building on 23 July was widely shared online. Mohammed Fahir Amaaz, 20, of Rochdale, Greater Manchester, is alleged to have assaulted PC Zachary Marsden and PC Lydia Ward, causing them actual bodily harm. He is also accused of assaulting PC Ellie Cook at the terminal's car park pay station, as well as the assault of Abdulkareem Ismaeil, a member of the public, said to have taken place earlier at a nearby Starbucks cafe.

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# Burglar Fled to Australia with Fake Passport After Stealing from 48 Homes



A burglar fled to Australia with a fake passport after stealing from 48 homes across the UK. Miles Connors, 27, of Hillingdon, was found to be one of the people involved in the burglary of 48 properties across 13 counties in the UK in 2018. Connors was wanted by police in connection with the burglaries and fled to Australia with a fake passport before he was able to be brought to justice. Connors went on to commit further crimes of burglary and rogue trading in Australia and was deported back to the UK on August 29, 2024. Once his plane touched the tarmac at Heathrow Airport, Connors was arrested and charged with conspiracy to burgle. He was found guilty following a six-day trial at Guildford Crown Court and was sentenced to five years in prison.

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