

TSA agents find sword inside oblivious traveler's cane

Vocabulary Match

- a cane • to contain • oblivious • to purchase • statement • personnel •
• announcement • walking stick • include • unaware • staff • to buy

Article

The Transportation Security Administration said a traveler at a Boston airport security checkpoint was shocked to learn his cane contained a sword.

TSA New England tweeted a photo showing the sword cane that had been brought to Logan Airport by an oblivious passenger.

The TSA said in a statement that the passenger had recently purchased the cane and had been unaware that it contained a sword until it was examined by security personnel.

The passenger turned the sword cane over to Massachusetts State Police and was cleared to catch his flight to New York, the TSA said.

Quiz

1. Why was the traveler shocked?
2. How was the sword discovered?

Conversation

- A: *beep beep beep* Sorry, sir, could you step this way, please?
B: Uhh, yes, of course. What seems to be the problem?
A: Hands on your head! Feet apart! Turn around and face the wall! Now!
B: Argh.. what is going on?! I haven't done anything!
A: Sir, you are under arrest for possession of a lethal weapon!
B: It's not mine! I'm innocent!

Discussion

1. Have you ever been stopped at an airport by security or customs staff? What happened?
2. When traveling overseas, what worries you the most?
3. What do you like, or don't like, about airports and flying?