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Statement Regarding Suspicious Object at Detroit Metro Airport's North Terminal

Detroit, Mich. (April 1, 2013)— At 5:50 this morning, a suspicious object was found at a TSA passenger screening checkpoint at Detroit Metro Airport's North Terminal. TSA immediately notified Airport Authority Police, who moved all passengers and employees a safe distance from the screening checkpoint until the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit could safely remove the item from the terminal. It was transported to a secure location for further investigation. The TSA screening checkpoint and North Terminal resumed normal operations by 8:20 a.m.

This response was a strong team effort by Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Airport Authority Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and airline personnel.

UPDATE: April 2, 2013— Further analysis of the contents of the carry-on bag revealed three electronic items duct-taped, wrapped, packaged and positioned together in such a way as to pose a possible explosive threat. The evacuation of portions of the North Terminal was taken as a precautionary measure until the item could be removed and analyzed by EOD. The traveler was interviewed at length regarding the suspicious packaging of these items and was eventually cited for disrupting the smooth and orderly flow of passengers, a misdemeanor, and released. The passenger, who had been temporarily staying in Detroit, had been living in Central America and was on his way to the Philippines via Seoul, South Korea.

Because the investigation surrounding this incident is ongoing, no further details are available at this time.

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About Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport

Having welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2012, **Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport** (DTW) is Michigan's busiest airport and one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. With service from 11 scheduled passenger airlines and three scheduled cargo carriers, DTW offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from nearly 150 destinations on four continents. In 2010, DTW ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the *J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study*. With two new, state-of-the-art passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an

onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin hotel, DTW is among the world's most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority**, which also operates nearby **Willow Run Airport**—an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive any tax dollars to support airport operations. For more information about Metro Detroit's airports, visit www.metroairport.com.