



Transportation
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Regulatory Compliance Office
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Portland, OR 97218

LETTER OF INVESTIGATION
Case File 2012PDX0174

April 26, 2012

Mr. John Brennan


Dear Mr. Brennan,

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is investigating an alleged violation of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § Part 1540, Section 109, that occurred at the Portland International Airport (PDX), Portland, OR.

Specifically, on April 17, 2012, at approximately 1730 hours during security screening at the PDX security checkpoint, a TSA checkpoint supervisor notified you he would need to conduct additional screening. You began to remove your clothing. Despite a request by this TSA supervisor to put your clothes back on, you did not comply, which prevented the screening process from being completed. When Port of Portland police officers responded to the security checkpoint and requested you get dressed, you again refused. You were removed from the TSA security checkpoint by the Port of Portland police. Your actions resulted in the closure of two security screening lanes and interfered with normal screening operations.

Title 49 CFR § 1540.109 states: no person may interfere with, assault, or intimidate screening personnel in the performance of their screening duties under this subchapter.

As part of TSA's investigation into the circumstances of this alleged violation, we are providing this opportunity for you to submit, in writing, any information regarding this matter. This information should be submitted within 20 calendar days of the date of this letter to the address listed above.

Any information you provide will be duly considered in our investigation. If you do not respond within the specified time (or within an extension of time granted by the undersigned if requested and approved), an investigative report will be completed without the benefit of your input.

Sincerely,


David J. Ferguson
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