



News Release

Police at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport seize narcotics valued at an estimated \$1 million

DETROIT (March 10, 2022) – On March 3, 2022, the Wayne County Airport Authority Police Department arrested three people at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) who were believed to be involved in the trafficking of narcotics. The suspects were traveling from California to Tennessee and connecting in Detroit.

During the course of the investigation, officers determined the suspects' bags contained approximately 65 pounds of methamphetamine and nearly three pounds of cocaine. The street value is estimated at approximately \$1 million.

“The men and women of our Airport Authority Police Department work hard each day to not only keep Detroit Metropolitan Airport safe, but also our country,” said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Chad Newton. “Acting on a tip, our officers responded quickly to prevent drugs from making it onto the streets. I’m proud of our team.”

Police submitted an In-Custody Warrant Recommendation to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office. The suspects were arraigned on March 6 and are currently in the Wayne County Jail.

*Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) serviced more than 23 million passengers in 2021, amid the global COVID-19 pandemic. In 2019, DTW welcomed more than 36 million passengers. As one of the world’s leading air transportation hubs, DTW offers service from 12 scheduled passenger airlines. Michigan’s largest airport offers approximately 800 flights per day to and from more than 125 nonstop destinations on three continents. With two award-winning 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. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport earned Airports Council International’s 2020 Airport Service Quality Award for Best Airport by Size and Region (25 to 40 million passengers per year in North America). DTW also received the highest score among mega airports in the J.D. Power 2019 North America Airport Satisfaction Study of customers’ satisfaction with the airport they traveled through and scored the highest in the security check and terminal facilities factors. Visit jdpower.com/awards for details. DTW is operated by the **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 tax dollars to support airport operations. Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.*

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