

Massachusetts State Police seize over \$130,000 in alleged drug money at Logan Airport

This past weekend, a male booked a flight at Logan Airport, missed the flight, then booked a second flight the same day.

The destination to which he was attempting to fly is known as a source area for illegal narcotics. As the passenger went through a TSA checkpoint he was questioned about a large quantity of US currency he was carrying, and stated that the amount was \$1,500.

When Massachusetts State Police Troopers from Troop F questioned the passenger subsequently, he claimed he was carrying \$40,000 to \$50,000 cash. The passenger was then questioned by MSP detectives and reported the amount he was carrying to be \$80,000-\$85,000. MSP K9 Duke, who is trained to detect the odor of narcotics, showed a strong alert to the man's belongings. A subsequent final count of the cash the man was carrying was \$138,980.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, the money was help pending further investigation. The would-be passenger refused to sign a receipt for the secured currency and left the building, walking away from the money. The money will be subject to forfeiture proceedings.

