

## **Tisdale Investigation-Compilation of Notes**

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During the months of December 2010 and January 2011, a team met each Tuesday at TSA CLT Headquarters. Some of the organizations represented within the team included CMPD, TSA, FBI, FAA FSDO, FAMS, and CLT. The meetings and investigation were facilitated and led by CMPD personnel. Each week team members would be assigned various tasks and report back to the group the next week.

Chief Rodney Monroe stated two broad objectives for the investigation to:

- 1) determine how Tisdale got from his home to the airport
- 2) to determine the penetration point Tisdale used to access the airport.

He further stated the purpose of the investigation was not to conduct a security assessment of CLT.

Longitudinally, some of the highlights pertaining the information and efforts conveyed in the series of meetings were as follows:

CMPD officers interviewed many of Tisdale's friends, teachers, acquaintances, girlfriend, family, etc. trying to ascertain his mindset, attempting to establish timelines, and to understand the trek from his home.


- Tisdale's family cooperated for a period of time but then ceased participating with police once they hired legal counsel (early December 2010).
- None of Tisdale's personal contacts provided any useful information regarding his whereabouts on November 15.
- Tisdale's family stated they last saw him active playing video games the night before with a sibling and believes he was in the bed sleeping in their home in the early morning of November 15 (around 5:30am).

CMPD investigators went to local businesses to see if anyone could identify and place Tisdale at any point.

CMPD investigators received a tip of a possible Tisdale sighting near I-85 and City Boulevard. They explored it but it didn't pan out.

There was a hotel room swipe card found in Tisdale's pocket. The card had disintegrated in several pieces-- CMPD investigators were unable to make a connection.

TSA conducted a regulatory investigation to review the November 15, 2010 period to check CLT's compliance with its ASP and other relevant security regulations and directives.

Reviewed  video (from US Airways) of the pilot of flight 1176 conducting a cursory pre-flight inspection.

FSDO presented Flight Tracking data which reenacted flight 1176's departure from the gate, taxi route at CLT, ground hold, departure, and eventual approach into the Boston Logan Airport.

The investigators indicated they were investigating the discovery of a hand print in the wheel well.

Investigators also indicated they were testing (through forensics) a sample of dirt found on Tisdale's shoes.

The TSA and CMPD conducted physical perusals of the airfield looking evidence and any physical signs of entry (onto the airfield).

CMPD searched the airfield – primarily the departure end of runway 18L to look for clothing or any evidence that may have dropped.

Investigators travelled to Milton, MA and coordinated with officials there. Upon return, they shared photos of the crime scene and information derived on the Milton end of the investigation. As the investigation proceeded, in late January 2011, it reached a point where all the Charlotte investigative avenues had seemingly been exhausted and the investigation essentially stalled. It was literally at dead end. The entire investigation team seemed frustrated and CMPD closed the investigation and transitioned to the written report phase – the report of their findings.