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Stowaway found on New York to Paris flight – 5th December 2024

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A woman hid on an airplane from New York to Paris. She was a stowaway - someone who gets on a plane without paying. No airport staff saw her get on the plane. She got past many security checks. She hid in the toilets during the seven-hour flight. A flight attendant saw her go to the toilet many times.

The airline tried to fly her back to New York. However, she caused trouble before take off. A man who sat near her said she looked worried. She kept saying: "I do not want to go back to the USA. Only a judge can make me go back." An airline spokesperson said nothing was more important than safety and security.

Level 1

A woman hid on a Delta Air Lines airplane from New York to Paris. She was a stowaway - a person who gets on a plane without paying. The woman had a Russian passport. No airport staff saw her get on the plane. She got past many security checks. She had no boarding pass. Police say she hid in the toilets during the seven-hour flight. A flight attendant noticed the woman went to different toilets on the airplane many times.

Delta tried to fly her back to New York. However, she caused trouble while the plane was waiting to take off. A man who sat near her said the woman looked worried. She kept saying: "I do not want to go back to the USA. Only a judge can make me go back." Investigators are looking into how she got on the plane. A Delta spokesperson said nothing was more important than safety and security.

Level 2

A woman was found hiding on a Delta Air Lines airplane from New York to Paris. She was a stowaway - a person who gets on a plane without paying. The woman had a Russian passport. She was about 60 years old. She secretly got onto the plane. No airport staff saw her. She got past many security checks and then boarded the plane. She had no boarding pass. Police say she hid in the plane's toilets during the seven-hour flight. She was found after a flight attendant noticed the woman was making many trips to different toilets on the airplane.

The woman is now in a Paris police station. Airline officials tried to fly her back to New York. However, she caused trouble while the plane was on the runway waiting to take off. A man who sat near her spoke to CNN. He said the woman looked worried. She kept saying: "I do not want to go back to the USA. Only a judge can make me go back." Investigators are now looking into how she got on the plane. A Delta spokesperson said nothing was more important than safety and security. He said the airline would work hard to find out what happened.

Level 3

A woman was found hiding on an airplane from New York to Paris. She flew as a stowaway - a person who gets onto a plane without paying. She secretly got onto the plane without airport staff seeing her. The woman had a Russian passport and was around 60 years old. She boarded the Delta Air Lines aircraft at JFK International Airport in New York. She managed to get past many security checks to board the plane. She had no boarding pass. Police say she hid in the plane's toilets throughout the seven-hour flight. She was discovered when a flight attendant noticed the woman was making frequent, long trips to different toilets on the airplane.

The woman is now being held by police in Paris. Airline officials tried to fly her back to New York on Saturday. However, she caused a disturbance while the plane was on the runway waiting to take off. A man who sat near her on the plane as it waited to depart from Paris spoke to CNN. He said the woman looked very worried. He said she kept repeating: "I do not want to go back to the USA. Only a judge can make me go back." Investigators are currently looking into how she got on the plane in New York. A Delta spokesperson said: "Nothing is of greater importance than matters of safety and security." He said the airline would work hard to find out what happened.