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Atlanta-Based TSA Agent Accused Of Faking Cancer Is From Charlotte Amalie

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ST. THOMAS – A TSA agent who faked cancer for five years, taking nine months' worth of paid sick days for made-up surgeries and radiation is originally from Charlotte Amalie.

Security officer Marc Bess was arrested in Atlanta for stealing public money and was fired from his taxpayer-supported government job after the Transportation Security Administration caught on to his hoax, WSB-TV reported.

The TSA caught onto Bess' con during a routine check of his medical documents. Officials discovered the doctor, whose signature Bess had been forging, was dead. He was fired after the TSA's investigation, a spokeswoman said in a prepared statement.

The sick scam started in 2009, when Bess told his bosses at the Atlanta airport that he was diagnosed with abdominal lymphoma. TSA investigators said he forged doctor's notes detailing his need for radiation therapy, surgery and other treatments and requested paid leave for the procedures and recovery.

His sympathetic coworkers gave him their unused paid sick days, which the TSA allows under a leave transfer program.

In total, Bess took 2,240 hours of sick leave over the span of about five years, investigators said. That's about 280 days — just over nine months.

Bess, whose salary and paid sick days are funded by tax dollars, was arrested on embezzlement and stealing public money charges.

A graduate of Charlotte Amalie High School and the University of the Virgin Islands, he is expected to be in court on May 11 for a plea hearing.

Bess' resume, found on [Resume Bucket](#), can be seen immediately below:

MARC A. BESS, S R. 3920 CLUB DRIVE NW, UNIT 310 - DULUTH, GEORGIA 30096 **Objective:** To obtain a full time position with your company that will utilize my educational background and unique and proven skills.

Professional Experiences:

**Federal Officer November 2004 - Present Dept. of Homeland Security
Atlanta, Georgia**

- Responsible for screening all checked baggage using On Screen Alarm Resolution Protocol (OSARP) in order to ensure the safety of all traveling passengers
- Prepare daily detail reports of all alarmed objects and any other relevant information for further investigation
- Assist in the maintenance and troubleshooting of the L-3 Ray and CTX 4000

**Special Assistant Agent February 2004 - November 2004 Delta Airlines
Atlanta, Georgia**

- Provided special support to disabled passengers in need of wheelchair assistance
- Offered excellent service to ensure that each passenger had a safe and enjoyable flying experience

**Team Associate November 2003 - March 2004 TARGET INCORPORATED
McDonough, Georgia**

- Received, recorded, verified, inspected and provided quality assurance on all merchandise
- Monitored inventory and prepared purchase orders to ensure adequate merchandise supply, which produced continual revenue
- Performed tasks which guaranteed a unproblematic flow of moving merchandise from the receiving department to stockroom and sales floor
- Maintained accurate accounts of all incoming, outgoing, damaged and defected products

**Bookkeeper-A/R-A/P Specialist April 2001 - November 2003 V & E TRUCKING
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**

- Prepared purchase orders and calculated costs of overhead and other expenses ·
- Checked figures, postings, and documents for correct entries and mathematical accuracy
- Reconciled and reported discrepancies found in records · Calculated, prepared, and generated [invoices](#) , account statements, and other financial statements according to established procedures · Organized, recorded, and summarized numerical and financial data in order to compile and keep accurate financial records, using journals, ledgers and computers · Transferred details from separate journals to general ledgers and data processing sheets · Compiled statistical, financial, [auditing](#) reports and tables pertaining to revenues, expenses, budget expenditures, accounts payable, receivable, profits and losses · Computed deductions for income and social security taxes ·

Organized and submitted all bids for work contracted Manager April 1996 - April 2001 Meldisco Company St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

- Managed & interacted with sales staff (10 directly reported) · Analyzed sale volume and trends · Responsible for preparing sales and processing weekly payroll reports · Implemented strategies that maximized opportunities to achieve sales budget and profitability goals · Established consistent communication standards and trained staff to ensure effectiveness of customer service delivery and teamwork abilities · Disseminated work assignments. Performed clerical duties for the ordering and receipt of merchandise · Supported team with daily duties such as stocking the sales floor · Addressed and answered the concerns and questions of consumers · Utilized customer care techniques in order to handle volatile situations to ensure satisfactory results

Accountant Assistant/Billing April 1991 - November 1993 Born, Born, Handy, and Rashid Esq. St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

- Maintained accounting records by adjusting, reconciling, posting, computing and balancing figures to assure accurate record keeping · Verified and posted transactions to journals, ledgers and other records · Gathered and arranged data by extracting the information from source documents and arranged in prescribed formats · Compared data in documents to verify accuracy · Analyzed, investigated and corrected accounting entries as needed · Prepared customer's statements and invoices

Computer Programs and Skills:

- Microsoft Word · Microsoft Excel · Microsoft PowerPoint · Microsoft Access · All versions of Windows · L-3 X Ray · CTX 4000 Security System

EDUCATION

General Courses September 1991 - June 1993 University of the Virgin Islands St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Associate Arts in Business Administration May 2009 American InterContinental University Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelors of Art Accounting/Finance June 2010 American InterContinental University Atlanta, Georgia

*Master of Art Accounting/Finance Predicted Graduation June 2012 American
InterContinental University Atlanta, Georgia*

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