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New York Man Had to Be Carried Out of Aircraft by Both Arms and Legs After Causing Commotion, Resisting Arrest

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Mugshot of Terry Dor. By. The Virgin Islands Police Department.

ST. THOMAS — A New York native has been granted permission to return home but only with court-documented assurances that he will travel back to the territory to face trial following his recent arrest in St. Thomas at the Cyril E. King Airport.

Terry Dor, age 35, was reportedly in St. Thomas on business when he was arrested on Wednesday afternoon. He is charged with disturbance of the peace, disobeying a lawful order and resisting arrest.

According to court documents, he was arrested after police were summoned to the Cyril E King Airport to provide assistance in removing him aboard an aircraft. At the time, airport staff reported that Dor was intoxicated. However, Dor was not cooperative when a police officer boarded the aircraft and instructed him to deplane. While he started walking towards the front of the plane, Dor later stopped where his friend was seated and held onto two seats, pushing his body back onto the officer. According to the probable cause fact sheet, the officer placed his hand on Dor's shoulder and attempted to escort him off the aircraft, however Dor held onto the seats tightly and lifted himself off the ground. He then lost his balance and fell over. The officer then helped him off the floor and escorted him off the aircraft and onto the stairwell.

Dor reportedly stopped at the top of the stairwell and the officer placed his hand under Dor's left arm and continued escorting him. He then began to stagger and lost his footing, subsequently falling on the stairwell. The officer helped him onto his feet yet again, but Dor stepped forward yelling, "God will come for you. You have to answer to God. You walk me like a slave." Dor reportedly threw himself onto the stairs, knocking his friend's camera out of his hand and causing it to fall and break. The officer noted that there was a strong odor of alcohol on Dor's breath.

The officer was eventually able to successfully escort Dor off the plane and onto the Aircraft Operating Area, according to the probable cause fact sheet. Another law enforcement official then attempted to help escort Dor but he dropped to his knees and raised his left hand into the air displaying a closed fist. While the officers instructed Dor to stand and attempted to help him to his feet, he tensed his muscles and stated, "I am not going anywhere. I ain't going out like this." The officers instructed him to stop resisting but he kept pulling away from them and then threw himself flat on the ground refusing to get up.

Although officers commanded Dor to get up and informed him that he was being arrested, he reportedly flipped himself onto his back to avoid being handcuffed. He repeatedly shouted, "I ain't going out like this!" while tensing his muscles and pulling away from the officers, according to the probable cause fact sheet. An officer then drew his taser and Dor stood up and stepped towards the officer mumbling incoherently. The officer then turned on the taser, pointed it at Dor and ordered him to place his hands behind his back. He initially appeared to comply, then resisted but officers were eventually able to cuff him.

Dor was then lifted by both arms and legs as officers attempted to place him in the police vehicle. However, he repeatedly kicked the door and continued doing so even after he was placed inside the vehicle, police said. He was then transported to the Richard Callwood Command where he was booked and later released after posting \$1,000 bail.

On Friday, Judge Paula Norkaitis ruled that Dor would be allowed to continue his release on the bail amount previously posted. He will be permitted to return to New York while the matter remains pending, provided he signs a waiver of extradition and the appropriate motions to seek travel permission. The defendant, who has no prior criminal history is expected back in court on March 4, 2022.