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Media Advisory

Atlanta Airport and TSA Officials to Discuss Guns at Security Checkpoints

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WHAT: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and Transportation Security Administration officials will hold a press conference on Thursday to discuss firearms confiscated at the world's busiest airport.

In 2012, more guns were confiscated at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport than any other airport in the United States. As a result, the Airport is seeking to raise awareness of the proper

procedures for passengers seeking to travel with their firearms and the legal consequences for violating federal law.

WHEN: Thursday, August 15 - 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Main Security Checkpoint (Domestic Terminal), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, 6000 North Terminal Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia 30320

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#### Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson is the world's busiest airport, serving more than 95 million passengers annually with nonstop service to 160 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society (for more information, go to [www.atrsworld.org](http://www.atrsworld.org)), 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter (for more information, go to [www.secaaae.org](http://www.secaaae.org)) and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine (for more information, go to [www.businesstravelerusa.com](http://www.businesstravelerusa.com)). ATL is undergoing more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, which include a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED certified international terminal which opened to the general public on May 16, 2012 (for more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/](http://www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/)) and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to [www.atlanta-airport.com](http://www.atlanta-airport.com). Check out the Airport's YouTube channel by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield>, follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta\_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).