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## **Statement on incident at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

**ATLANTA-** At 9:41 a.m. today an unattended bag located at the South Terminal received a positive hit from a canine explosives team. Out of an abundance of caution, the North and South terminals at ATL were evacuated.

At 10:03 a.m the unattended bag was cleared, and passengers were allowed to re-enter the terminals.

ATL officials continue to work with law-enforcement to investigate the incident.

More details will be made available as the day progresses.

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### **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport**

Hartsfield-Jackson (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport, serving more than 101 million passengers annually with nonstop service to more than 150 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. ATL boasts a direct economic impact of \$34.8 billion in metro Atlanta and a total direct economic impact of \$70.9 billion in Georgia. The Airport is the largest employer in Georgia, with more than 63,000 employees. 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, 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine. ATL has completed more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, including a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED-certified international terminal 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

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