



INTELLIGENCE ALERT

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Unbelievable Case of Concealment

On October 29, 2010, information was received from Air Canada Corporate Security regarding a possible imposter on a flight originating from Hong Kong. The passenger in question was observed at the beginning of the flight to be an elderly Caucasian male who appeared to have young looking hands. During the flight the subject attended the washroom and emerged an Asian male that appeared to be in his early 20's.

Border Services Officers (BSOs) attended the gate and escorted the subject off the aircraft and through the Primary Inspection Line (PIL), where he proceeded to make a claim for refugee protection. The subject initially claimed to be in possession of one bag; however, flight crew approached the BSOs with two additional pieces of luggage which were believed to belong to the subject. One bag contained the subject's personal clothing items while the second contained a pair of gloves. The third contained a "disguise kit" which consisted of a silicone type head and neck mask of an elderly Caucasian male, a brown leather cap, glasses and a thin brown cardigan.



The subject donned the "disguise" for BSOs and they noted that he very much resembled an elderly Caucasian man, complete with mimicking the movements of an elderly person. The subject admitted at this time that he had boarded the flight with the mask on and had removed it several hours later.

It is believed that the subject and the actual United States Citizen passenger (whose date of birth is 1955) performed a boarding pass swap, with the subject using an *Aeroplan* card as identification to board the flight. As neither boarding passes nor *Aeroplan* cards reflect dates of birth it may not have been difficult for the very elderly looking imposter to present himself as a 55 year old man.