

# FBI Suspicious Incident Report

On the afternoon of 15 May 2006 I was transitioning Atlanta-Hartsfield Airport in travel status to my next case assignment. Upon exiting the passenger train in C terminal, I noticed a large crowd of people gathered around in a circle. This crowd appeared totally unaware of the fact that their gathering caused an obstruction of the walkways, train boarding and escalator access. I discreetly identified myself as a law enforcement officer to one of the less sinister looking persons standing around and asked the gentleman to remain on the perimeter of the crowd with my suitcase as I attempted to penetrate the mob and discover the cause of congestion.

As I slowly elbowed my way toward the center of the crowd, I spotted what appeared to be an open nucleus of about eight feet diameter. In the middle I spotted what had so captivated the onlookers. There was what appeared to be a male subject of slender build and indeterminate age. He was dressed in all black clothing accentuated with white gloves; exhibiting an appearance similar to the well-known Mickey Mouse character, but without the ears. Alarming, the subject had his face entirely obscured by some form of white paint or makeup.

As if his appearance alone wasn't enough to catch the attention of passersby, he also exhibited extremely strange behavior. Even though there was a large crowd surrounding him, no one appeared to be menacing this subject. This oddly appareled character had at least three to four feet of space in all directions, yet he remained in the same spot while frantically turning around and patting the surrounding air with the palms of his hands. The subject's actions seemed to indicate he was suffering some sort of hallucination wherein the individual was confined to a small space by invisible walls or a transparent force field. I immediately suspected the subject was under the influence of some mind altering substance: very possibly LSD or Peyote.

I calmly asked the gentleman what was the matter. He neither acknowledged me nor made eye contact. I did not become discouraged but instead spoke in a soft voice that I was there to help him. My attempts to converse and develop a rapport with the subject failed. He genuinely appeared not to see or hear me. The subject continued with his erratic, but non-menacing movements while exhibiting a silent grimace of distress.

As the subject did not indicate an immediate threat to himself or others, I decided not to come out of cover. Instead I tried to call the local airport police. My mobile phone could not obtain a sufficient wireless signal in this subterranean environment, so I retrieved my suitcase from the gentleman guarding it and ascended the escalator in the direction of my next gate. Once upstairs, I informed Atlanta Airport Police of the situation and location of the disturbance. This report should be disseminated widely among all security and law enforcement personnel with instructions that officers transitioning or working in the Atlanta-Hartsfield Airport should take note of the suspicious subject's description and remain vigilant in the performance of his or her duties.

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