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# Media Statement

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## **Settlement Reached in 9/11/11 Detroit Metropolitan Airport Safety Response**

**DETROIT (April 21, 2015)**--In the interest of avoiding further time-consuming and costly litigation, the Airport Authority's insurer has agreed to a financial settlement on behalf of the Airport Authority in order to dismiss the legal action described below.

No wrongdoing was found or admitted by any party.

Resolution of this matter allows our team to continue its focus on the critical mission of operating safe, secure, and efficient air transportation facilities.

"On September 11, 2011, our internationally accredited police department, working with our federal law enforcement partners, acted quickly and responsibly, and followed appropriate protocols in responding to a request for help from one of our airline partners," said CEO Thomas Naughton. "I strongly support their actions. We remain committed to vigilantly protecting the safety of the travelling public – our number one priority."

### **CASE SUMMARY**

This case arose out of events occurring on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States and less than two years after the "underwear bomber" attempted to blow up a Detroit-bound international flight. On September 11, 2011, Frontier Airlines reported to the Airport Authority and other governmental agencies very suspicious activity involving several passengers aboard the airline's Detroit-bound flight. Upon the plane's arrival at DTW, three passengers identified by the airline were removed from the aircraft, detained, searched and interviewed, eventually being released when the investigation found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing. One of those passengers, Shoshana Hebshi, filed suit against Frontier, the United States and the Airport Authority. This case has now been settled.

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