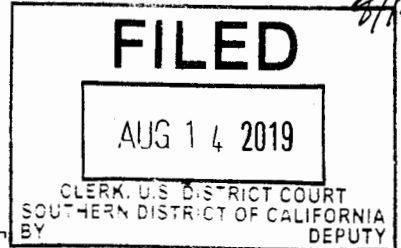


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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5 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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7 Plaintiff,
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9 v.
10 WEI SING GOH,
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12 Defendant.

Case No. 19MJ 3409
COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
Title 49, U.S.C. Section 46504 -
Interference with Flight Crew
Members and Attendants

11 The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

12 On August 13, 2019, within the special aircraft jurisdiction of
13 the United States, defendant WEI SING GOH, by assaulting or intimidating
14 a flight crew member or flight attendant of Japan Airlines Flight JL66,
15 interfered with the performance of the duties of the member or attendant
16 or lessened the ability of the member or attendant to perform those
17 duties, in violation of Title 49, United States Code, Section 46504.

18 This complaint is based on the attached Probable Cause Statement,
19 which is incorporated herein by reference.

20 Zach Weigel
21 SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT
22 ZACHARY WEIGEL
Federal Bureau of Investigation

23 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 14th day of
24 August, 2019.

25 Allison H. Goddard
26 HONORABLE ALLISON H. GODDARD
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

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2 The complainant states on or about August 13, 2019, defendant WEI
3 SING GOH (GOH), by assaulting and intimidating the flight crew members
4 of Japan Airlines Flight JL66, did interfere with the performance of
5 the duties of those members. Flight JL66 departed Narita, Japan at 5:24
6 PM Japanese Standard Time (GMT +9) on August 13, 2019 and landed in the
7 Southern District of California at the San Diego International Airport,
8 at 11:56 AM PST (GMT -7) on August 13, 2019. The total flight time was
9 10 hours and 32 minutes.

10 GOH boarded Flight JL66 in Narita, Japan. GOH's assigned seat was
11 in row 19. Approximately one hour into the flight, GOH began consuming
12 individual mini bottles of wine. Over the course of the next few hours
13 he consumed seven mini bottles of red and white wine.

14 Approximately five hours into the flight, GOH became agitated and
15 unruly. He left his seat and entered the business class area of the
16 cabin, disturbing passengers and flight crew members. GOH did not comply
17 with flight crew members' instructions. Flight crew members repeatedly
18 told GOH to return to his seat and calm down. GOH told flight crew
19 members that he thought there was a gun onboard, that people were out
20 to get him, and that he wanted a parachute to jump out of the plane.
21 Flight crew members were fearful that GOH might attempt to open the
22 aircraft cabin door during flight. GOH also shouted racial slurs and
23 curse words, and he made inappropriate sexualized comments to a female
24 flight crew member and inappropriately touched a female flight crew
25 member. GOH's behavior became so disruptive that flight crew members
26 had to relocate the passengers sitting in the seat next to him and the
27 seats behind him. GOH's behavior was aggressive and on one occasion he
28 got so close to a flight crew member that he touched her nose. After

1 receiving several verbal warnings, K.R., the Captain of the airplane,
2 gave the order to provide GOH with a final written warning pursuant to
3 Japan Airlines' policy. GOH was provided with a copy of the written
4 warning and it was read aloud to him. The final warning stated that if
5 he failed to comply with flight crew member instructions, then the
6 authorities would be contacted.

7 Despite receiving a final written warning, GOH continued to act
8 erratically. In an effort to get him to remain calm, flight crew members
9 served GOH water and orange juice and provided him a menu from which he
10 could order food. Flight crew member M.A., witnessed GOH throw his
11 orange juice at the man sitting behind him, Y.R. While Y.R. was glancing
12 down at what GOH had thrown on him, GOH turned around and struck Y.R.
13 in the head with a crumpled cup.

14 After assaulting Y.R. and approximately seven hours into the
15 flight, GOH left his seat once again and headed towards the business
16 class section of the cabin. At that time, Chief Cabin Attendant A.O.,
17 followed Japan Airlines Policy and enlisted the help of three passengers
18 to restrain GOH. The three passengers and Chief Cabin Attendant A.O.
19 placed GOH in flex cuffs. GOH was able to free himself and struck flight
20 crew member M.A. The three passengers, crew member M.A., and Chief Cabin
21 Attendant A.O. successfully subdued GOH on their second attempt, placing
22 him in flex cuffs and securing him to a seat with seat belt extenders.

23 GOH's behavior interfered with the flight crew's performance of
24 their duties. His conduct disrupted the normal meal service of the
25 flight. After GOH was restrained, at least one crew member at a time
26 was charged with watching him for the remainder of the flight. This
27 reduced the flight crew's ability to perform safety checks and other
28 essential tasks in preparation for landing.

1 Due to GOH's behavior Chief Cabin Attendant A.O. had to converse
2 with Captain K.R. and his co-pilots between 20 and 25 times—each time
3 for several minutes—keeping them apprised of the situation. Chief Cabin
4 Attendant A.O. also visited the cockpit numerous times because she was
5 having difficulty communicating the situation over the phone. Captain
6 K.R. and his co-pilots then communicated with the Japan Airlines
7 Operation Center and discussed whether to divert the aircraft to San
8 Francisco to ensure a safe landing and quick resolution of the issues
9 caused by GOH. Standard operating procedure for landing the aircraft
10 calls for the attention of two pilots. Due to the disruption caused by
11 GOH only one pilot was attending to the landing, the other two were
12 communicating with the flight crew members and the Operation Center.

13 GOH was read his *Miranda* rights at approximately 4:05 PM and agreed
14 to speak with agents. During his statement, GOH admitted to drinking
15 heavily and being disruptive. He recalled thinking that someone was out
16 to get him. GOH stated he had no other recollection of the events
17 described above. He apologized for his actions.