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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015686/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am submitting this request under the United Kingdom Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) seeking access to public records and law enforcement documentation related to a Ryanair passenger disturbance aboard a flight from Manchester, England to Rhodes, Greece on April 3, 2025.

Suspect Information:

Unidentified male passenger – Ryanair flight from Manchester (UK) to Rhodes (Greece)

Charges / Alleged Offenses:

Disruptive and aggressive conduct on an aircraft, refusal to comply with lawful crew instructions, and potential endangerment of flight safety

Law Enforcement Agencies:

Greater Manchester Police (Departure Jurisdiction)

Hellenic Police – Rhodes Airport Division (Arrival Jurisdiction)

Requested Records:

I am requesting access to and copies of all official records related to this incident, including:

- Body-worn camera footage or airport police recordings from Rhodes Airport officers who boarded the aircraft***
- Cabin crew incident and restraint reports submitted to Ryanair and relevant authorities***
- Statements from flight attendants, pilots, and witnesses***
- Communication logs between flight deck and ground control regarding the aborted landing***
- Ryanair's internal incident review report and correspondence with local police***
- Any formal complaint or passenger statement received by Manchester Airport Police or Hellenic Police***

• CCTV footage from Rhodes Airport during the suspect's removal

• Documentation of any criminal proceedings, charges, or fines filed against the passenger

Case Details:

Date of Incident: April 3, 2025 (Thursday)

Flight Details: Ryanair flight from Manchester, England (MAN) to Rhodes, Greece (RHO)

Location: On board the aircraft and at Rhodes International Airport, Greece

Summary:

On April 3, 2025, a male passenger aboard a Ryanair flight from Manchester to Rhodes became disruptive after crew members confiscated two bottles of alcohol and refused further service. Witnesses reported that the man grew increasingly aggressive and ignored repeated commands to sit down. As the aircraft began its descent, the passenger stood up, prompting flight attendants to restrain him using two spare seatbelts. The man reportedly broke free, causing the pilot to abort the initial landing and circle before safely touching down in Rhodes. Upon arrival, local police met the aircraft, boarded, and removed the passenger. Ryanair confirmed that the crew had called ahead for police assistance and emphasized its zero-tolerance policy toward passenger misconduct.

Agencies/Officers Involved:

Ryanair flight crew and cabin attendants

Hellenic Police officers stationed at Rhodes International Airport

Greater Manchester Airport Police (initial jurisdiction)

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

GMP do not hold any information relevant to this request as it is outside our jurisdiction. For the information you are requesting you will need to contact Hellenic Police.