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NEWS ANCHOR (JOHN)

This just in - we have breaking news that a commercial airliner has been hijacked by assumed international terrorists. The flight's trajectory shifted towards Washington D.C, and is expected to crash into the city in a mere 15 minutes. Our correspondant Howie Newsman is on the scene just outside of Washington.

HOWIE

Things are not good John. People are in a pure panic, and elected officials are being evacuated. I'm joined with counter terrorist officer Liam Manahan. Liam, what do we know?

LIAM

Not much Howie. What we do know is that this isn't good.

HOWIE

Enlightening insight. Do you know who the terrorists are working for?

LIAM

Our intelligence reports say it's likely the work of the Taliban or ISIS, but at this point we aren't sure. All we know is that the plane is rapidly descending.

HOWIE

As you can see John, things are looking bleak. Moments ago I spoke with another security officer, Tim Shadows, who said they are working to activate the cockpit's emergency internal camera, which will give Liam's team the ability to see into the cockpit and communicate with the terrorists.

TIM

We're turning on the camera now. You'll be able to see it on the monitors above me.

HOWIE

As you can see on your screen, we now have a view of the pilot's chair.

LIAM

But where are the terrorists?

TIM

Wait what was that? You see that?

LIAM

It looks like a tail?

TIM

Look! A dog just jumped into the pilot's chair!

HOWIE

It appears the plane has been hijacked by an radicalized extremist canine. What his demands and ideologies are, we aren't sure.

LIAM

Tell him to land the plane and we'll give him whatever he wants.

TIM

I don't speak dog sir.

LIAM

This furry fuck is a criminal mastermind. You can't negotiate with a terrorist you can't understand. Try doing the best you can Tim.

TIM

* Indistinctive attempts at barking like a dog *

LIAM

Dammit, no luck. Look at him sitting there all proud with his tongue out.

TIM

I think he's mocking us sir.

HOWIE

Hold on, I just received a text from a passenger in the plane who explained what happened.

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HOWIE (CONT'D)

Apparently the dog terrorist escaped the luggage bay and wandered into the cockpit while the pilot left to use the bathroom. The co-pilot was then humped repeatedly by the pooch, and in an attempt to force the dog off of him he tripped and the cockpit door shut behind him.

LIAM

That clever bastard.

HOWIE

Oh, and the dog's name is Bubba.

TIM

How can a dog with such a cute name be so evil?

LIAM

Alright listen here Bubba, no one has to get hurt. What are your demands?

Bubba wags his tail and barks.

TIM

It appears he doesn't know English either sir.

LIAM

We have to keep trying. Alright Bubba, you've got to land this plane. We'll get you whatever you want, we'll even treat you -

TIM

Look! When you said the word treat he perked up and closed his mouth.

LIAM

Interesting... Bubba, we would love to treat you as the United States' special guest if you land the plane. You're presence is our treat.

TIM

It's working sir! He raised his paw and hit the landing gear switch!

LIAM

Good. Now, we need to alter the plane's trajectory to get you to the airport. I'm pulling up the coordinates and will play them on your-

TIM

Great job sir! He just turned around in the chair and nudged the plane's steering system to the left, directly towards the airport. The word 'play' must mean 'land the plane' in his language.

LIAM

Almost there Bubba. You're doing good. Boy I thought we were in trou-

TIM

It's a miracle! I don't know what it means, but when you said the words 'good boy' he initiated the altitude stabilizer, raised the air flaps and lowered the rudder! You sure you aren't fluent sir?

LIAM

Beginner's luck. They're set to land in 3...2...1.

TIM

We did it! Congratulations sir. Should we send the negotiating squadron?

LIAM

Are you kidding? The United States doesn't negotiate with terrorists. I lied. Send in the Old Yeller squadron.

HOWIE

As you can see and hear on the monitor screen folks, the plane made a safe landing. We can see Bubba the terrorist pawing at the door of the cockpit and opening the door as security forces storm the plane. People are cheering, crying and celebrating life.... classic case of Stockholm Syndrome. Oh.. what's that? Oh god..

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HOWIE (CONT'D)

Well folks I'm being told Bubba the terrorist has been vanquished by a barrage of bullets. Looks like another victorious day for America's security force.

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