



ST. JOHN'S
International Airport Authority

Media Statement

For Sunday, October 30, 2016

National Airlines Boeing 757 aircraft was prevented from departing St. John's International Airport on Friday, October 28, 2016 under a court order from the Supreme Court of NL due to substantial arrears in payments owing to St. John's International Airport Authority. The aircraft was scheduled to depart St. John's International Airport at 5:45pm on Friday, but will not be released for service until outstanding payments are received.

St. John's International Airport Authority exhausted all avenues to collect these payments prior to obtaining this court order. While this action was necessary, the Airport Authority understands and appreciates the impact it may have had on passengers who planned to travel on this flight on Friday. At midday Sunday, National Airlines advised the Airport Authority that all passengers who were scheduled to fly on Friday have been protected through either a rebooking on other airlines or through receipt of a full refund.

National Airlines began passenger airline operations at St. John's International Airport in January 2016 with direct airline service to Sanford Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Florida on a weekly basis.

An update on this situation will be provided on Monday, October 31, 2016 when more details are available.

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