



L.A. man busted for smoking medical pot on Newark-bound flight, police say

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A JetBlue plane is parked on the tarmac of Newark Liberty International Airport in this file photo.

NEWARK — A 43-year-old man was arrested for allegedly smoking marijuana in the bathroom of a JetBlue flight from Florida to Newark this morning, officials said.

Adam D. Blumenkraz, who gave authorities a Los Angeles address, was in the bathroom when the flight from Orlando began its approach to Newark Liberty International Airport, said Al Della Fave, a spokesman for Port Authority police. A flight attendant knocked on the bathroom door, and when Blumenkraz emerged, the attendant smelled a strong odor of pot,

Della Fave said.

Blumenkraz later told police who met him at the gate in Terminal A that he was permitted to use marijuana for medical reasons, and produced a bag of marijuana and a glass pipe for smoking it, Della Fave said. He was promptly arrested.

"You just can't do that on a commercial airliner," Della Fave said. "You cannot smoke anything, regardless what the issue is."

Blumenkraz was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, and then released, Della Fave said.

Blumenkraz could not be reached. The Willshire Boulevard address he gave authorities is an office where a company official said Blumenkraz used to receive his mail but no longer had any connection to the

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