

Pilots pulled from flight, believed to have been boozing

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Two Air Transat pilots were arrested on Monday for appearing to be "impaired through alcohol," only hours before they were scheduled to depart, officials said Tuesday. (ARTUR WIDAK/ZUMAPRESS.COM)

Two Canadian pilots were arrested just hours before they were scheduled to fly over the Atlantic on Monday because authorities believed they were drunk, officials said Tuesday. Air Transat flight TS725 was supposed to take off from Glasgow, Monday afternoon, to arrive in Toronto, but was delayed when the inebriated aviators, ages 39 and 37, were apprehended for "being allegedly impaired through alcohol," a statement from Police Scotland explained.

NBC reported that the Canadian airline confirmed the arrests, but declined comment until "the results of the investigation and judicial proceedings," were made public.

Air Transat tweeted that, ensuring the safety of their crews and passengers is a "top priority."

Local media told NBC that the presumably plastered pair is expected in court on Tuesday.

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The Airbus A310 airliner - which holds around 220 passengers - did not take off until Tuesday, about which passengers shared mixed emotions on Twitter.

An Ontario man [tweeted](#): "Thanks @airtransat for extending my vacation to Scotland by a day. Glad I don't have anything to do at home or anything #sarcasm."

Scottish interior decorators and television hosts, Collin McAllister, and Justin Ryan were among the delayed travelers. They [tweeted](#), "Counting blessings that @airtransat flight we were on did NOT take off yesty," before adding, "Better to arrive late in this world than early in the next. Boozing pilots? wtf?"

