Man Arrested For Brining Hand Grenade To Airport

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Free State, South Africa A 28-year-old man was arrested at Bram Fischer after a hand grenade was allegedly found in his luggage. A security officer initially discovered a metallic object after scanning the man's luggage through an x-ray. A subsequent physical search of the bag confirmed the item to be a hand grenade.

The man, who was en route to Cape Town, had dropped off his bag at the check-in counter at the airport. Police were called to the scene and they immediately evacuated the airport. The bomb disposal unit was also called to conduct a sweep of the area.

Although the grenade was an inert training aid which did not present an explosive hazard, the man was arrested and faces charges for interference with airport operations as munitions are strictly prohibited at the airport.