

\$200,000 HAS DISAPPEARED

HIJACKING OF A BOEING 727 BOUND FOR SEATTLE

A NONDESCRIPT GUY BOARDS THE PLANE AND PARACHUTES OUT WITH \$200,000 IN CASH

THE HIJACKER BECOMES A LEGEND. HIS "EXPLOITS" ARE CONSIDERED A TRIUMPH OF MAN OVER THE SYSTEM



THE BOEING 727 WAS THE ONLY AIRCRAFT FEATURING AIR STAIRS AS WELL AS A REAR DOOR FOR EXITING THE PLANE—AND THE HIJACKER KNEW ALL THIS.

WHEN:
NOVEMBER 24, 1971

WHERE:
A BOEING 727 PLANE BOUND FOR SEATTLE, US

WHO:
DAN COOPER WAS THE NAME THAT HAD BEEN USED TO BUY THE PLANE TICKET

LOOT:
\$200,000 (IN 20-DOLLAR BILLS)

OUTCOME:
NEVER CAUGHT

PLANNING THE ROBBERY

NOT A THING IS KNOWN ABOUT HOW THE ROBBERY WAS ARRANGED

The hijacker was never found or identified. To this day, any information on how the robbery was planned is pure speculation.

THE HEIST, STEP BY STEP

THE MOST FAMOUS ROBBERY IN HISTORY BEGINS WITH A PLANE TICKET TO SEATTLE

1. AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

On November 24, 1971, on Thanksgiving eve, a nondescript man of average height, around 45 years old, dressed in a dark suit, white shirt, tie, and dress shoes, bought a plane ticket to travel from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. He was a handsome man who went by the name Dan Cooper.

2. FLIGHT 305 TO SEATTLE

Dan Cooper duly boarded his flight and sat in the last row. His seat was 18C, and he was on the plane with 36 other passengers and six crew members.



DAN COOPER, TICKET IN HAND, BEFORE BOARDING THE BOEING 727 BOUND FOR SEATTLE.

3. THE NOTE

Once the plane had taken off, Cooper handed a note to flight attendant Florence Schaffner, a pretty young woman of 23. She thought the passenger had given her his number and kept the note without thinking anything of it.

But Cooper leaned over and insisted, "Miss, you'd better look at that note. I have a bomb."

The flight attendant then read the note: "I have a bomb in my bag. I will use it if necessary." The ransom note went on to demand \$200,000 in unmarked bills as well as four parachutes.

Following Cooper's orders, Florence Schaffner went to the cockpit to inform the pilots of what was happening.

The hijacker then hid his face behind dark sunglasses to protect his identity and waited for his demands to be met.

"I HAVE A BOMB IN MY BAG. I WILL USE IT IF NECESSARY"