

PILOT ARRESTED AT GRIFFIN-SPALDING AFTER AIRPORT INCIDENT



A well-known Georgia pilot was arrested and jailed November 11th after an incident at Griffin Spalding Airport near Atlanta. Griffin Police say Dan Gryder, whose DC-3 is a frequent performer at aviation events, has been charged with two counts of aggravated assault and one of obstruction. According to the *Atlanta Constitution Journal* police said the incident began when two code enforcement officers responded to a complaint of someone driving a car across the runway. When they approached Gryder, he allegedly gave them a false name and then refused to sign six citations. He then boarded the DC-3, started at least one engine and "told one of the officers that if she moved, he would strike her car, police said," the newspaper reported. The code officer called for backup and police "flooded the area" as Gryder taxied the 72-year-old airliner to the runway.