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Hijacker's Name Remains Mystery

TORONTO (CP) — Police in Canada and the United States still were awaiting positive identification today before laying charges against the man who hijacked an Air Canada DC-9 outside Toronto Sunday night and diverted it to Cuba.

Insp. George Wilson of Mississauga police, whose jurisdiction takes in the Toronto airport, said it still had not been confirmed that the man was Patrick Critton, 24, a native of the Harlem district of New York.

This was the name on a passport the Negro hijacker showed

officials when he arrived in Cuba.

Insp. Wilson said a variety of charges, including kidnapping, would be laid as soon as identification was made.

He declined to specify other charges but said kidnapping would "definitely" be included because it was covered in a Canadian extradition treaty with Cuba.

TREATY DOESN'T COVER

The Canadian Criminal Code contains no specific section on air piracy and the offence is not covered in the extradition agreement.

Police in Thunder Bay, where the DC-9 flight originated, suspect the hijacker may have arrived on a flight from Toronto Saturday night.

Detective Zigmund Magdee of Thunder Bay police said a man who checked into a local hotel Saturday afternoon and left Sunday afternoon was "almost definitely" the hijacker although he registered under the name William Paul Ponder.

The hijacker, armed with a revolver and a grenade, commandeered the plane about 20 minutes before it landed at Toronto and forced the six-member crew to fly him to Cuba after allowing 82 passengers aboard to disembark.

Thunder Bay police, meanwhile, have verified that Ponder, 24, of New York City arrived in Thunder Bay Christmas Day, checked into the Shoreline Hotel and left less than 24 hours later.

However, it has not been verified this man is the hijacker.

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