

# Pilot Had a Cardiac Arrest and Collapsed at Richmond International Airport (Richmond, VA) on April 11, 2023, Was Saved by Two TSA Officers

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*TSA Officers Nigel Allen and Trenard Collier were reportedly in the middle of their duties at the airport, on April 11, 2023, when an airline pilot suddenly collapsed from cardiac arrest. ([click here](#))*

"I looked over just as the pilot fell to the floor." ([click here](#))

**The pilot reportedly approached a railing, staggered and fell down over his roller bags unconscious.** The two TSA officers immediately came to the pilot's aid and Allen began performing first aid.

Police and firefighters arrived to perform CPR, but despite their efforts to resuscitate the pilot, **the pilot's heart stopped**, requiring "extended medical intervention," according to the TSA. ([click here](#))

Allen raced down the hall to grab an **automated external defibrillator**, which emergency responders were able to use to **restart the pilot's heart and help revive him**.

**The pilot, who has not been identified, is recovering**, and his family has expressed their appreciation for Allen's help.

## Three recent pilot deaths

- [Pilot death - April 13, 2023 - Phil Thomas, graduate of Flight Training Pilot academy in Cadiz, Spain \(FTEJerez\) died suddenly.](#)
- [Pilot death - March 17, 2023 - 39 year old Westjet Pilot Benjamin Paul Vige died suddenly in Calgary](#)
- [Pilot death - March 11, 2023 - British Airways pilot died of heart attack in crew](#)

[hotel in Cairo before a Cairo to London flight](#) (name & age not released)

## **Eight recent pilot incapacitations in-flight**

April 4, 2023 - **United Airlines Flight 2102 landing in SFO** - captain was incapacitated, first officer was only one in control of the aircraft. ([click here](#))

March 25, 2023 - **TAROM Flight RO-7673 TSR-HRG** diverted to Bucharest as 30 yo pilot had chest pain, then collapsed ([click here](#))

March 22, 2023 - **Southwest Flight WN6013 LAS-CMH** diverted as pilot collapsed shortly after take-off, replaced by non-Southwest pilot ([click here](#))

March 18, 2023 - **Air Transat Flight TS739 FDF-YUL** first officer was incapacitated about 200NM south of Montreal ([click here](#))

March 13, 2023 - **Emirates Flight EK205 MXP-JFK** diverted due to pilot illness hour and a half after take-off ([click here](#))

March 11, 2023 - **United Airlines Flight UA2007 GUA-ORD** diverted due to "incapacitated pilot" who had chest pains ([click here](#))

March 11, 2023? - **British Airways (CAI-LHR)** pilot collapsed in Cairo hotel **and died**, was scheduled to fly Airbus A321 from Cairo to London ([click here](#))

March, 3, 2023 - **Virgin Australia Flight VA-717 ADL-PER** Adelaide to Perth flight was forced to make an emergency landing after **First Officer suffered heart attack** 30 min after departure. ([click here](#))

## **Epoch Times articles on pilot incapacitations**

I helped Epoch Times prepare two excellent articles on pilot incidents in-flight:

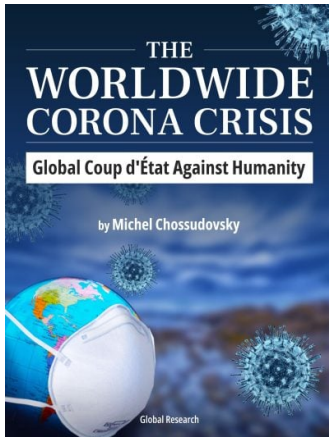
- [April 18, 2023 - IN-DEPTH: One Moment He Was in Command of a 150,000-Pound Plane, Next He Was Technically Dead](#)
- [March 30, 2023 - Reports of 'Incapacitated' Airline Pilots Stoke Concerns, Calls for Investigations](#)

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