
Subject: Religious Zealot forces airport to take down Christmas Trees

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Summary: The seattle airport has put up Christmas trees for the past 10 years. This year, some fuckhole threatened to sue them because the trees didn't represent his religion.

Apparently he would have been satisfied if they allowed him to put up an 8 foot menorah (I doubt he really wanted this and he was most likely being sarcastic). So he gave them a deadline of 2 days to meet his demands, or else he would sue. The airport didn't have time to deal with him so they complied and took down the decorations.

I have no problem with freedom of religion, and yeah I can obviously see that Christmas trees do not represent his religion, but what the fuck are they supposed to do? Reserve half of the airport space so they can put up Menorahs, Buddahs, and the like to make sure they cover every religion so that someone won't sue them?

I think its sad that they were forced to undecorate the airport just to avoid being sued. Would it be so bad if the airport were able to say basically, "too bad if you don't like it, these decorations have been put up every year and they aren't bothering anyone but you so fuck off"? Come on, do you believe this guy was actually offended by Christmas trees...more likely he just raised a stink because he wanted attention...otherwise he would be doing the same thing to every department store and mall in the area as well.

news story

SEA-TAC Airport - All of the Christmas trees inside the terminal at Sea-Tac have been removed in response to a complaint by a rabbi.

A local rabbi wanted to install an 8-foot menorah and have a public lighting ceremony. He threatened to sue if the menorah wasn't put up, and gave a two-day deadline to remove the trees...

The same decorations have been put up for at least 10 years...

The full story is at

http://www.king5.com/localnews/stories/NW_120906WABxmastreesEL.11b0d0cc.html#
