

A Hijacking

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move. Agents began boosting each other into the plane via a door close to the cockpit.

Don Solomonson, 32, Overland Park, Kan., the copilot, described what happened next:

As the hijacker looked out the cockpit door into the cabin, he "suddenly reached up his right hand and fired." Barkley had spotted an FBI agent who had fired at him. "Then we jumped Barkley," Solomonson said. In the scuffle, the pilot was forced back into his seat, and Barkley was on top of him. It was at this point the pilot was shot. Solomonson said he

made a grab for Barkley's gun and "I pulled it out of the captain's stomach."

By now the plane was filled with FBI agents who overpowered Barkley and handcuffed him. While the shooting was going on, the passengers were cowering in the grass alongside the runway. "Man, it was a mess! Old ladies were crying, passengers were yelling and rolling on the ground," Airport Policeman Hubert Lanocia said.

As for Barkley, he was hustled down the stairs from the plane, nodding and smiling. He kept saying "Hello, there, hi there," to each policeman he passed, Laconia said.

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