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# 22 things TSA confiscated at checkpoints last year

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**A colorful sickle was discovered in a carry-on bag at Newark airport.**

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Transportation Security Administration officials confiscated a host of strange objects at airport checkpoints this past year, including meat slicers, cannonballs, and a bunch of those sharp, bat-shaped throwing weapons that Batman uses.

TSA workers screened 1.6 billion carry-on bags and 432 million checked bags belonging to more than 708 million passengers and 12.9 million airport employees.

Here's a look at some of the weirder things that people tried to bring past the checkpoints this year:

### 1. Link's master sword from the Legend of Zelda



**This was discovered in a traveler's carry-on bag at Oakland.**

### 2. A Chihuahua

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**The dog was found inside luggage at New York's LaGuardia Airport. "While resolving a checked baggage alarm, an officer was shocked when he found a dog in the bag!" the TSA wrote on its blog. "Apparently, the dog climbed in while its owner was packing her suitcase. TSA worked with the airline to identify the owner, and the two were happily reunited."**

### **3. Cannonball**



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**An inert cannonball was discovered in a checked bag at an airport in Lexington, Ky.**

#### **4. Samurai sword and compound bow**



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**This samurai sword was discovered attached to a compound bow in a carry-on bag at an airport in Austin, Texas.**

## **5. Bear mace**



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**These are just a few of the containers of bear mace TSA agents said they discovered.**

## 6. A knife hidden inside an Eiffel Tower statue



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**An 8-inch double-edged knife was concealed and detected in a replica statue of the Eiffel Tower in a carry-on bag at an airport in Oakland.**

## **7. A sickle**



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**A colorful sickle was discovered in a carry-on bag at Newark airport.**

## 8. Batarangs



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**Is Bruce Wayne a frequent flier? Batarangs, weapons Batman uses, were discovered at several airports.**



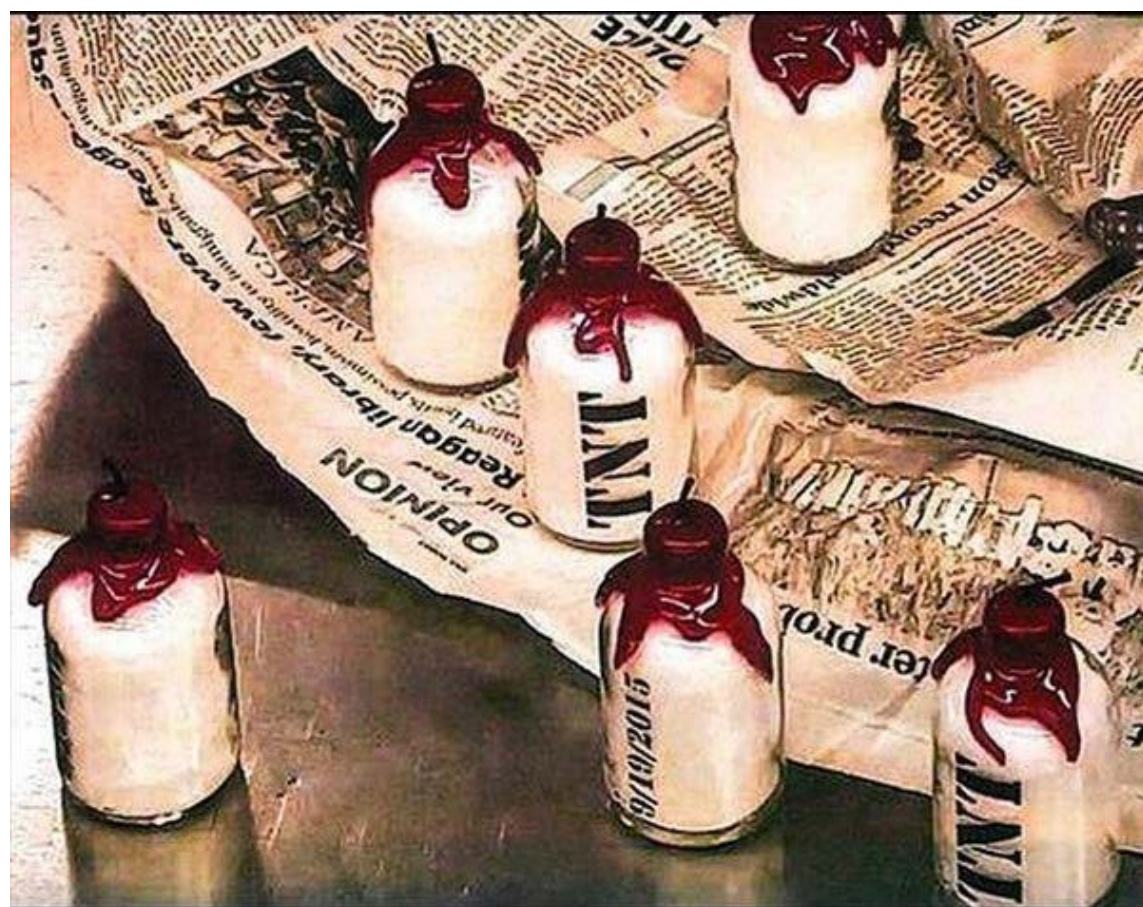
## 9. Ninja climbing claws



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**These ninja climbing claws were discovered in a carry-on bag at Savannah/Hilton Head airport.**

## 10. Wedding souvenirs that resembled explosives



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“These novelty bottles of bath salts topped with wax-covered lids and fuses were discovered in a checked bag at the Denver International Airport and resulted in a 20-minute evacuation while bomb specialists cleared the items, the agency said. “What looked like possible explosives were just wedding souvenirs. The bride and groom’s names both start with ‘T’; thus ‘TNT.’”

## 11. Meat slicer



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**A meat slicer was discovered in a carry-on bag at the Southwest Florida International Airport.**

## 12. Tomahawk



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**A jawbone tomahawk, as well as an inert pineapple grenade (more on grenades below) were discovered in a carry-on bag at an airport in Las Vegas.**

## 13. Speargun



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**A speargun was discovered in a carry-on bag at an airport in Salt Lake City.**

## 14. Klingon bat'leth



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**A weapon resembling a Klingon bat'leth was discovered in a carry-on bag at an airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico.**

## **15. Black powder**



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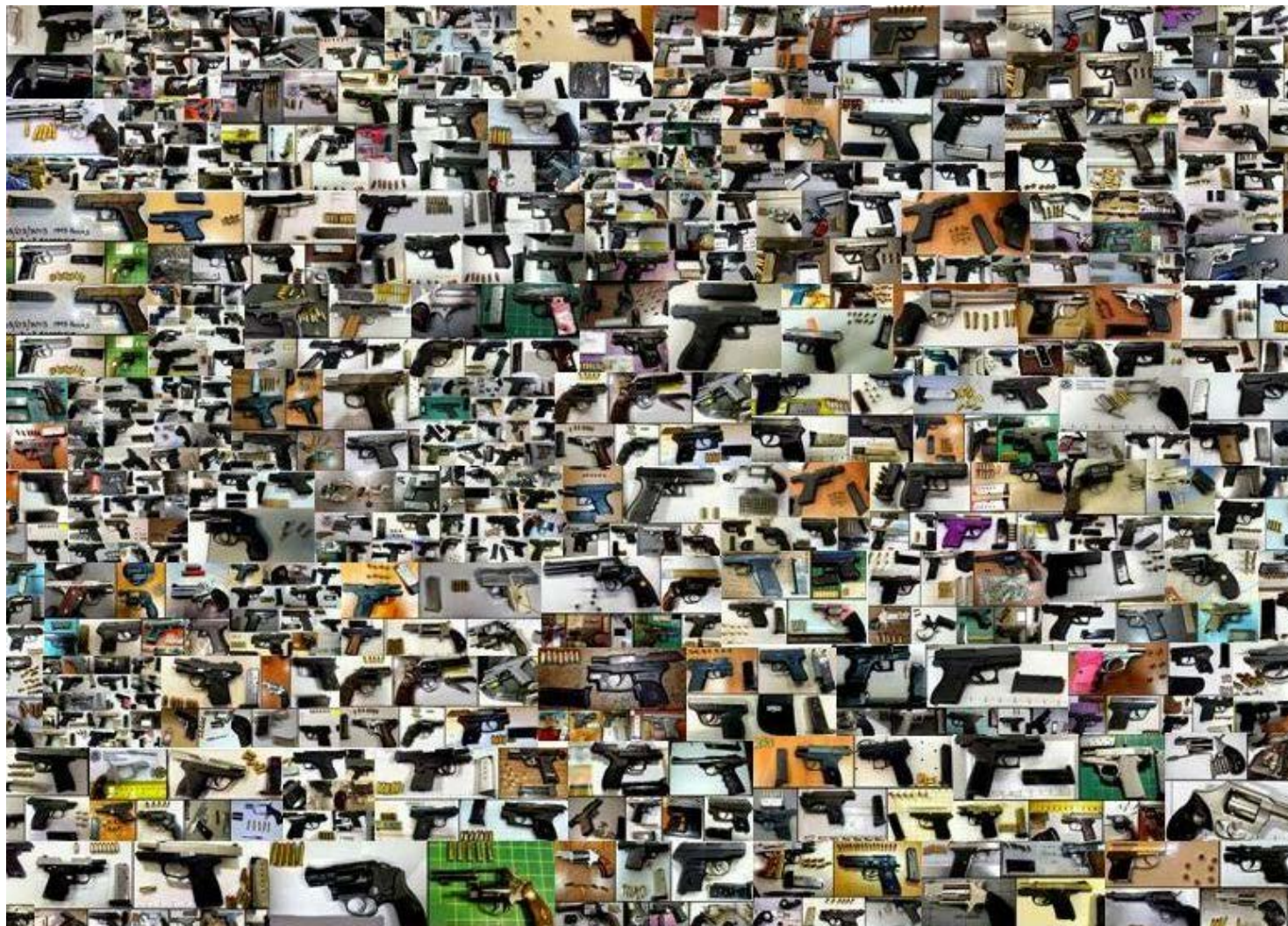
**Ten tubes of black powder were discovered in a checked bag at Salt Lake City. “Black powder is prohibited from both carry-on and checked baggage,” according to the agency.**



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**Black powder was discovered this year at several other airports, including at Logan International Airport in Boston.**

**16. Guns — lots of them**



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**The agency says it found 2,653 guns, or an average of seven per day, in carry-on bags. Such a discovery was made at least once at 236 different airports around the country.**

## **17. Grenades and explosives**



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**These are some of the inert grenades discovered in 2015.**



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**TSA officials also found: replica sticks of dynamite; a scale model of an explosive drilling device; an inert 120mm tank round; an inert artillery round; inter mortar rounds; an inert projectile grenade; an inert mortar shell; an inert rocket-propelled grenade; a replica 30mm projectile; a replica claymore mine; and an inert antitank projectile. A practice land mine was found at Logan International Airport in Boston.**





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**A live flashbang grenade was discovered in a carry-on bag at Phoenix. Others were found at airports in Ft. Walton, Fla. and Jackson, Miss.**

## **18. Ammunition**



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**These are just a few of pictures of the ammunition found in carry-on bags around the country.**

## 19. Knives



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**“A knife was discovered in a traveler’s carry-on bag at Jacksonville” airport, the agency said. “He was permitted to leave the checkpoint so he could place the knife in his car. The knife was discovered again upon his return taped to a fishing lure.”**



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**A non-metallic knife was discovered concealed under a passenger’s pants during a pat-down at Lihue Airport in Hawaii.**



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**Two knives were discovered inside a hidden compartment in the sole of a shoe at a Wichita, Kansas airport.**



**Ditto.**

## 20. Other weapons



**These are some of the cane swords and stun canes that were discovered in 2015.**



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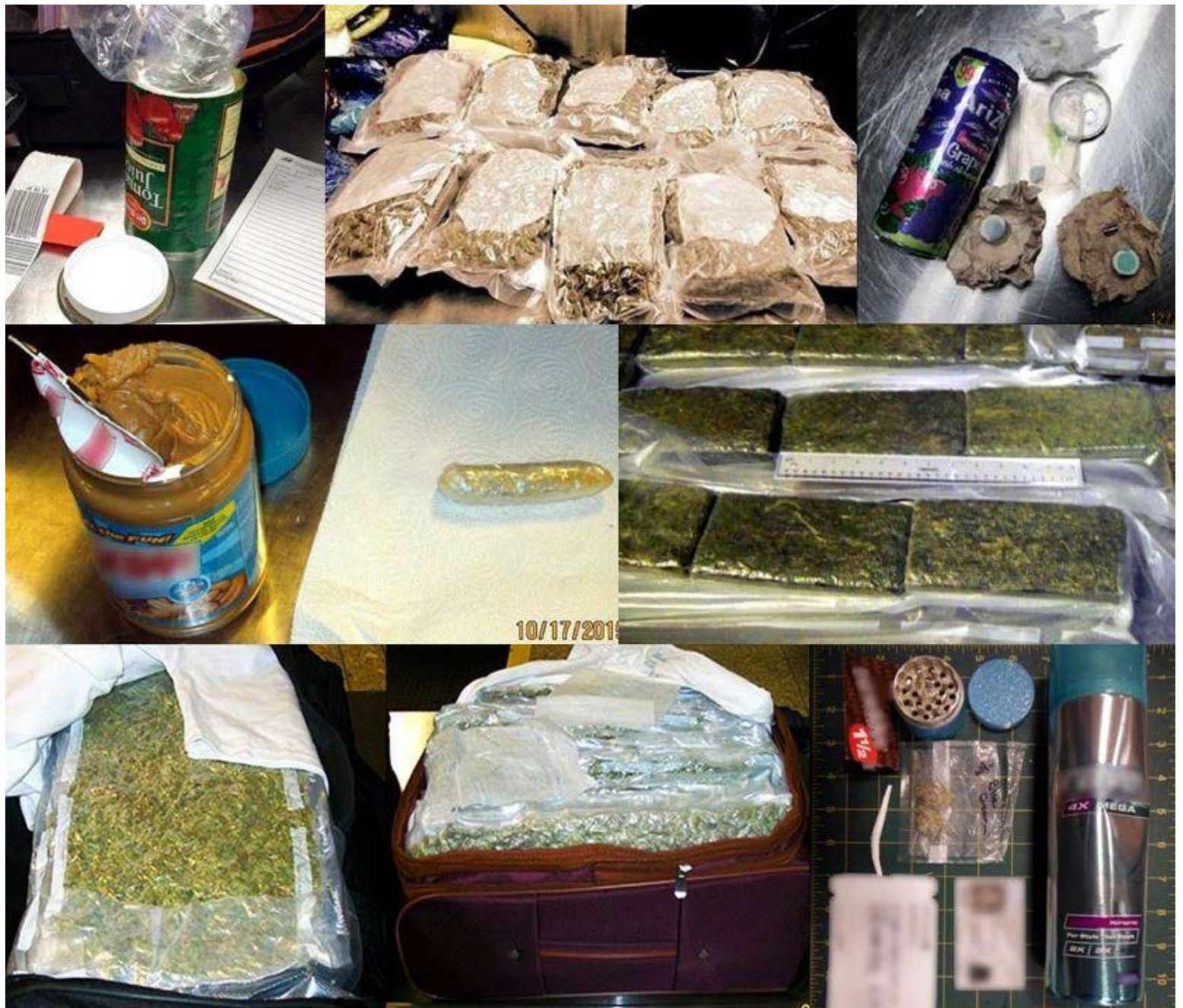
**Swords and other bladed weapons were found.**



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**A constellation of throwing stars was discovered.**

## 21. Drugs



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**These photos show what was recovered from “various incidents involving narcotics last year. ... Some are hidden while others are in plain sight.”**





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**Marijuana concealed in candy wrappers was discovered in a carry-on bag last week at the Newark Liberty International Airport.**



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