

Airline delays body delivery for cargo

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ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland -- Air Canada is investigating why a dead man's trip to Newfoundland was delayed for 12 hours in Montreal to make way for cargo. Judy Hamilton of Springdale, Newfoundland, told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., she got a call from the local funeral director saying her brother-in-law's casket had been bumped from a connecting flight from Montreal to Deer Lake, about 90 miles from her family's home. "He said he got bumped in Montreal, and the cargo went on, but he got bumped," Hamilton said. "He was put somewhere -- we don't really know. I don't think we really want to know." Dennis Hamilton died suddenly last week in Alberta, and funeral arrangements had been made based on the airline schedule, the report said. His sister-in-law said no one from Air Canada had contacted them to explain the delay, and said she wants an assurance no other families endure the same thing. An unidentified Air Canada official wouldn't comment other than to say the incident was being investigated, the CBC said.

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