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Firearm Seized From NEXUS Card Holder in Detroit *U.S. Citizen failed to declare weapon*

DETROIT - U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO) officers announced the seizure of an undeclared shotgun from a U.S. citizen participant in the NEXUS trusted traveler program.

On Monday, December 17, CBP officers at the Detroit Windsor Tunnel discovered a Remington 12 gauge shotgun along with ammunition during a primary trunk inspection in the NEXUS lane. The driver and legal owner of the firearm did not declare any goods upon arrival and told the officer after the discovery that he forgot that the gun was in the trunk. The weapon was seized by CBP officers and the infraction resulted in the subject's immediate removal from the NEXUS program.

"Participation in the NEXUS program provides a unique privilege of a higher level of trust for members," said Roderick Blanchard, Detroit port director. He stated further, "All violations will result in removal from the program".

Travelers who participate in the NEXUS program are afforded expedited processing when crossing the U.S.-Canada border. As participants in one of CBPs Trusted Traveler Programs, travelers enjoy a higher level of trust and confidence in regards to security when crossing the border, and violations of this trust will not be tolerated.

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