

# Wrestler's Takedown Scores Points on Jet

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Cushing's Bryan Golemon placed third in this year's state wrestling championships, but he was champion of a potentially life-saving struggle aboard a Southwest Airlines plane heading to Tulsa.

Golemon, 18, a 215-pound wrestler for Cushing High School, pinned an irate passenger who had threatened to open a plane door.

The incident prompted the Houston-to-Tulsa direct flight to divert to Dallas where the irate passenger was taken off, with his wife, by Dallas police and the FBI.

"I knew something had to be done," Golemon said. "The flight attendants were trying their best, but the guy was just too big for them."

The passenger was cursing and banging on walls, he said.

Golemon said he told one flight attendant, "I'm a wrestler and, if you want, I can take this guy in 10 seconds."

The attendant said, "Take care of him."

Golemon did, grabbing the passenger in a headlock. The passenger head-butted Golemon in the face and then bit his hand.

Golemon applied more pressure, and the passenger moaned he couldn't breathe.

By then, Golemon had him on the