

UK investigating reported near-miss between drone and plane

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British police say they are investigating a reported near-collision between a drone and a passenger plane near England's Newquay Airport.

Devon and Cornwall Police says the plane, carrying 62 people, was arriving at the [airport](#) in southwest England on Tuesday when it reported a drone flying dangerously close.

Inspector Dave Meredith said Thursday the plane was about 900 feet (275 meters) high and 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) from the airport "when it reported a near-miss with a drone which flew alongside the aircraft."

He said police had not tracked down the [drone](#) or its "reckless" operator.

In Britain, small private drones must be flown below 400 feet (120 meters) and kept away from airfields.

Britain's Civil Aviation Authority says there were 40 near-misses between drones and aircraft in 2015.

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