

Fraud Inquiry Opened Into Eviterra Travel Website

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Investigators have opened a fraud inquiry into an online travel booking agency that had canceled thousands of airline tickets it had sold, the Investigative Committee said.

Eviterra, which offered discount prices on airline tickets through its website, sold "at least several thousand airline tickets that turned out to be void," and investigators are trying to determine whether fraud was involved, the committee said in an online statement Monday.

Evitera blamed the cancellations it made over the weekend on another travel agency it uses to make flight reservations. The agency, Avia Center, voided the tickets because Eviterra failed to pay its bills, Eviterra said.

Earlier on Monday, Eviterra announced that it was working out an agreement with Avia Center and that all tickets for flights departing between Monday and Saturday were valid again. See related article <u>here</u>.

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