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CBP Makes Various Seizures of Firearms and Ammunition in St. Thomas and St. Croix

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weapons confiscated by CPB in St. Thomas and St. Croix

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced Monday two incidents where inbound passengers to the Cyril E. King Airport and the Henry Rohlsen Airport, have attempted to smuggle firearms, ammunition and bulletproof vests in violation to local law.

“The US Virgin Islands has its own laws regarding possession of firearms and ammunition,” stated Todd Bellew, Area Port Director in Sty. Thomas. “Passengers should contact the local authorities regarding what is allowed to be entered.”

On July 11, a CBP Contraband Enforcement Team inspected all inbound luggage from a flight arriving to St. Croix from Miami. Inside six checked luggage bags, officers found 3 AR15 rifles

and eight handguns.

On July 6, CBP officers inspected a passenger and his luggage arriving from Charlotte, North Carolina, finding a Glock 22 - .40 caliber, a Glock 27 .40 caliber, a Z-15 Multi Caliber Rifle, and a Mossberg 12GA Shotgun. Officers also found multiple rounds of ammunition to include (69) 9 mm rounds, (120) 5.56, (27) .45 caliber rounds, (123) .40 caliber rounds, and (68) 5.7 x 28 mm armor piercing rounds. The passenger was also in possession of (2) bulletproof vests, one of which was armor plated.

In all incidents, the Virgins Islands Police received custody of the weapons for disposition under local law.

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