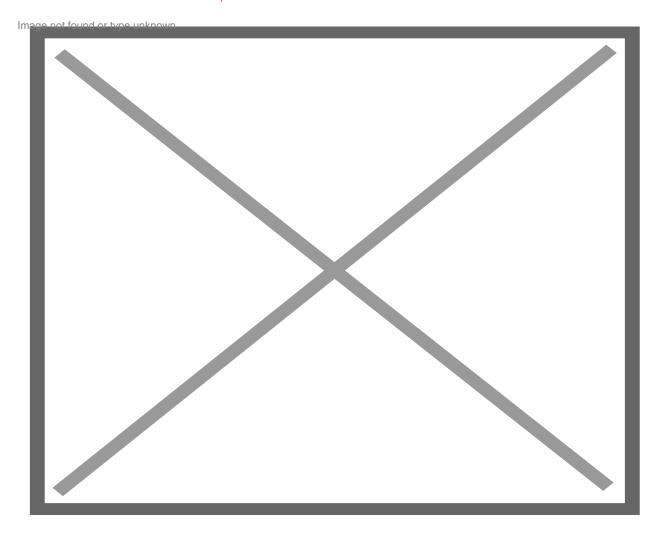
Kadeem Maynard Sentenced to 4.75 Years in Jail For Cocaine Trafficking Conspiracy

Maynard, involved in major cocaine smuggling and money laundering conspiracy, gets a reduced sentence following a guilty plea

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Kadeem Maynard.

Kadeem Maynard, one of the three British Virgin Islands residents accused of a cocaine smuggling and money laundering conspiracy by the government of the United States, has been sentenced to 57 months in jail following his guilty plea.

Mr. Maynard, son of the former BVI Port Authority executive Oleanvine Maynard, <u>pleaded guilty</u> in June, alongside his mother, to conspiracy to import a controlled substance. The proffer agreements for the Maynards indicated that they, alongside former BVI Premier Andrew Fahie,

conspired with a confidential source of the Drug Enforcement Administration to smuggle thousands of kilograms of cocaine through Tortola waters.

In their plea agreements, mother and son both accepted that they were facing 10-year minimum sentences, however Mr. Maynard later argued through his attorneys that he qualified for substantial sentencing discounts due to his marginal involvement in the trafficking conspiracy.

Judge Kathleen M. Williams seems to have agreed with Mr. Maynards argument – a paperless entry on Monday indicated that he will serve the 57 months in jail, followed by five years of supervised release. Additional penalties include a special assessment of \$100.

Judge Williams has indicated that a written judgment will follow.

Meanwhile, Oleanvine Maynard's <u>sentencing hearing</u> is scheduled for January 18 2024, ten days after Mr. Fahie's trial is set to begin. Mr. Fahie, despite the guilty pleas of his co-accused, has consistently maintained his innocence on all charges.

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