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Man Sentenced to 1 Year for Possession of Marijuana on the St. Croix Federal Courthouse Premises

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Aerial picture of the St. Croix District Court By. ERNICE GILBERT/ VI CONSORTIUM

ST. CROIX — Dion Alfred-Carlton Williams, 21, of St. Croix, was sentenced to a term of approximately 12 months today for possession of marijuana, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced.

Visiting Judge Timothy J. Savage sentenced Williams to time served after he was previously detained in February 2019 for violation of pretrial release conditions. Judge Savage also ordered him to pay a \$25 special assessment.

On March 28, 2019, Williams pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. According to documents filed in court, on March 10, 2017, the defendant and his co-defendant attempted to enter the secure parking lot at the District Court to drop off paperwork. The defendant was the passenger in the car that his co-defendant drove to the court. The security officer denied them entrance and instructed the co-defendant driver to park in the visitor lot. The driver refused and caused a disturbance, causing a special agent to approach his car. The agent smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car. A search of the car yielded two Ziploc bags containing 10 phials of marijuana. The co-defendant stated the marijuana was for sale. The defendant told the security officer that he was an unemployed drug user and claimed the marijuana was his. The defendant also stated that he had just bought the marijuana for \$100. The defendant was searched and what is known as a “dime bag” of marijuana was found on his person.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Protective Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Rhonda Williams-Henry.