

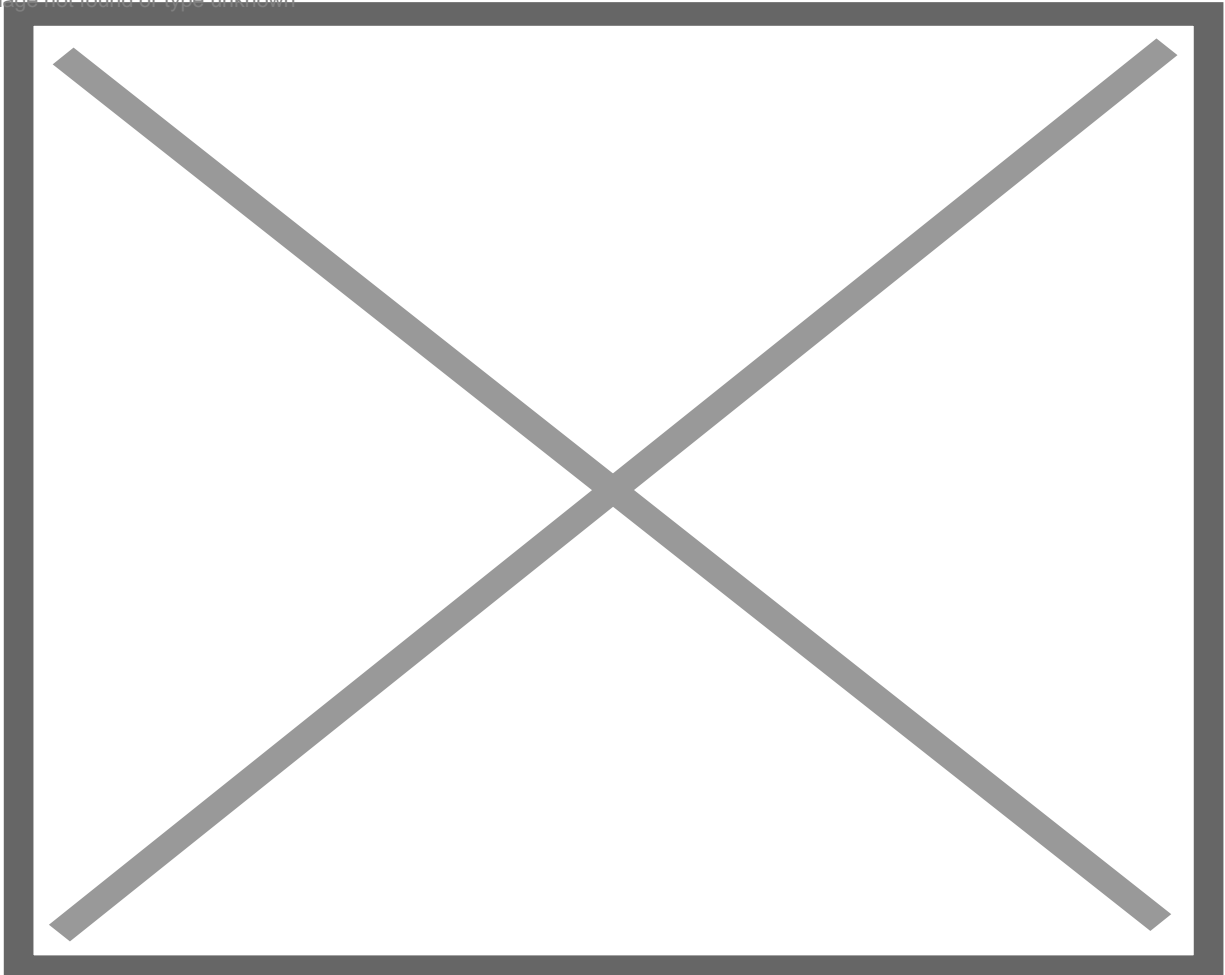
California Man Sentenced for Threatening to Kill St. Thomas Postal Workers Over Missing Marijuana Packages

Simon Peters, 42, called the Ottley Post Office twice in January 2024 threatening to kill a carrier and warning of gunshots if packages from California went missing again. His threats shut down service at Kirwan Terrace and led to his extradition.

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A California man who made repeated threats to kill postal workers on St. Thomas after claiming his marijuana packages were missing has been sentenced to eight months in prison, followed by 30 months of supervised release.

According to court documents, Simon Peters, 42, was sentenced on June 6, 2025, by Chief U.S. District Court Judge Robert A. Molloy, according to a release issued Monday by Acting U.S. Attorney Adam F. Sleeper. Peters previously pleaded guilty on February 18 to one count of threatening public officials.

The case arose from a series of threatening phone calls Peters made to the Ottley Post Office in January 2024. During those calls, Peters blamed the U.S. Postal Service for the non-delivery of packages he claimed had been mailed from California to the Virgin Islands.

On January 27, Peters phoned the post office and threatened to kill the letter carrier assigned to the Kirwan Terrace Housing Community. According to court documents, he stated, "Make sure the fat boy know, we're watching him and next time we're going to kill him behind the building."

"We are definitely going to make a frigging example out here."

"Any more packages from California go missing, you will see what happen to the co-workers dem ... one by one."

Two days later, on January 29, Peters made another call to the Ottley Post Office. When asked why he wanted to speak to the carrier serving Kirwan Terrace, Peters responded, "To let the people know what's going on in the Virgin Islands. We got people driving around looking for him, and you gon hear him get gun shots in his [expletive] ass."

"I've been doing this for over 10 years now. I'm in California dealing with the Virgin Islands."

As a result of the threats, the USPS suspended delivery to Kirwan Terrace for two days. Delivery only resumed after agents from other jurisdictions were brought in to escort the carriers. The Postal Service also hired private security to enhance safety at post office locations.

The threatening calls were traced to California, where Peters was arrested and later extradited to the Virgin Islands to face prosecution.

Acting U.S. Attorney Sleeper condemned Peters' actions and praised the joint response by law enforcement agencies. "Threatening postal employees and other public officials will not be tolerated. Postal workers work tirelessly to serve our community and carry out their duties. We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to hold accountable those who threaten violence against our dedicated public servants."

Bladismir Rojo, Acting Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Miami Division, also issued a statement, "The U.S. Postal Inspection Service takes threats of violence to postal employees very seriously. I'd like to thank the FBI, DEA, HSI, USMS, CBP and VIPD who provided assistance and resources to aid us during this investigation."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Natasha L. Baker. The investigation involved several agencies, including the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD).