Two Women Arraigned in Separate Drug Busts at Cyril E. King Airport

Kesahia Davis of Ohio and Jaclyn Quiroz of California face federal charges after CBP officers discovered nearly 24 kilograms of marijuana in their luggage during routine inspections at the St. Thomas airport in March 2025.

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Two women from the U.S. mainland have been arraigned on separate federal drug trafficking charges following their arrivals at Cyril E. King Airport, where Customs and Border Protection officers discovered significant quantities of marijuana in their luggage. Both cases are being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands.

Ohio Resident Arraigned After 3.89 Kilogram Marijuana Seizure

Kesahia Davis, 32, of Ohio, was arraigned on June 9, 2025, after a grand jury returned an indictment on May 21 charging her with one count of conspiracy to commit a drug trafficking crime and one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

According to court documents, Davis arrived on March 23 aboard a Spirit Airlines flight. Her checked luggage was flagged during routine x-ray screening by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers, who noticed anomalies they suspected were consistent with concealed marijuana. The baggage was allowed to proceed to the carousel, where CBP officers observed Davis retrieve it and begin walking toward the airport exit.

When CBP officers stopped her and asked if the baggage was hers, Davis confirmed it was. She was escorted to a secondary inspection area where officers noted the luggage was locked. Davis said she did not have the key. Using a TSA key, CBP officers opened the bag and discovered approximately 3.89 kilograms of marijuana. Davis was taken into custody following the discovery.

California Woman Faces Charges After 20 Kilogram Marijuana Discovery

Just days later, Jaclyn Raquel Quiroz, a resident of California, was also arraigned on June 9, following her indictment on similar charges: conspiracy to commit a drug trafficking crime and possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

On March 26, Quiroz arrived in St. Thomas via United Airlines. CBP officers conducting routine x-ray screenings of checked baggage identified dense material within two suitcases tagged with her name. Upon observing Quiroz retrieve both bags from the carousel, CBP officers stopped her and requested identification, which she provided with a California driver's license.

Quiroz was escorted to a secondary inspection area, where officers opened both suitcases. Inside, they discovered several black vacuum-sealed packages hidden beneath towels. Upon further inspection, the contents were confirmed to be approximately 20 kilograms of marijuana.

Both cases were investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Denise George.

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