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Man Arrested at St. Thomas Airport With Unregistered Gun Agrees to Plead Guilty

Erin Damond, arrested in December after TSA officers found an undeclared firearm in his carry-on backpack at Cyril E. King Airport, has agreed to plead guilty to entering an airport area in violation of security requirements.

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The Cyril E. King Airport in St. Thomas, USVI. By. ERNICE GILBERT, V.I. CONSORTIUM.

ST. THOMAS — A man arrested after authorities said he brought an unregistered firearm to Cyril E. King Airport in December has agreed to plead guilty to one of the charges filed against him, under a deal that includes a recommended jail sentence, a fine, and

forfeiture of the weapon.

According to the case, Erin Damond arrived at the airport on December 12, 2025 for a flight to Orlando, Florida. While his luggage was being screened at the Transportation Security Administration checkpoint, a TSA officer observed what appeared to be a firearm inside his carry-on backpack.

A further inspection led to the discovery of a firearm without a serial number. The weapon was loaded with a 9mm Glock magazine containing several rounds of ammunition.

Authorities said Damond had not declared the firearm as required by law. He also did not have a license to possess a firearm in the Virgin Islands.

He was subsequently arrested and charged with carrying a weapon on an aircraft and entering an airport area in violation of security requirements.

On Monday, prosecutors filed a plea agreement under which Damond agreed to plead guilty to the second charge, entering an airport area in violation of security requirements.

In return for the guilty plea, the Office of the United States Attorney agreed to recommend a sentence of 30 days in jail, a \$5,000 fine, and forfeiture of the firearm seized in the case.

The plea agreement also includes Damond's waiver of his right to appeal both the conviction and the sentence imposed.

U.S. Magistrate Alan Teague is expected to review the plea agreement during a hearing scheduled for Wednesday afternoon.