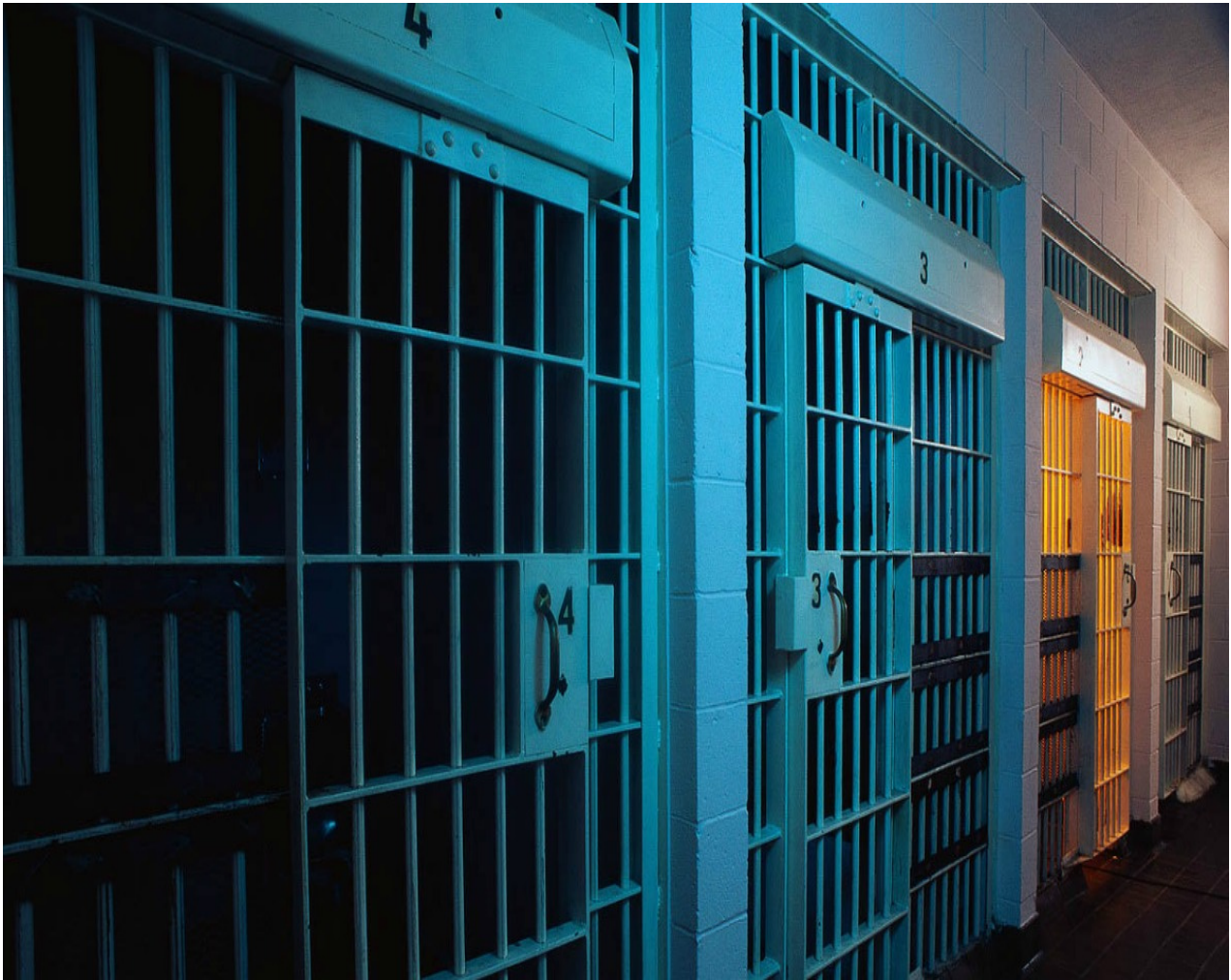


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St. Croix Man Sentenced To 69 Months For Illegal Firearm, Prison Contraband Possession

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Jahmall Augustine, 20, of St. Croix was sentenced to 69 months in federal prison and three years of supervised release by Senior District Court Judge Raymond L. Finch after Augustine was convicted of possessing an illegal firearm and prison contraband, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent-in-Charge Vito S. Guarino have announced.

On Sept. 8, 2014, Augustine pleaded guilty to one count of felony in possession of a firearm and possession of prison contraband. The firearm conviction carries a 57-month prison sentence, while the prison contraband conviction carries a 12-month sentence. Both of Augustine's sentences will be served consecutively.

Court records show that on May 1, 2014, acting on a tip, a police officer approached Augustine's car. The officer observed three smoked marijuana cigarettes and two phials. After obtaining Augustine's consent, the officer searched the car and found a firearm and eight phials containing marijuana.

Court records also show that on April 4, 2013, the Bureau of Corrections officials conducted a search of a cell occupied by Augustine and another inmate at Golden Grove Adult Correctional and Detention Facility. The officers discovered and seized one baggie containing marijuana and a homemade knife, commonly referred to as a shank, from under Augustine's mattress, both of which are prohibited items.

U.S. Attorney Sharpe commended the efforts of the Virgin Islands Police Department, the DEA and Bureau of Corrections, who investigated the cases, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Rhonda Williams-Henry, who prosecuted the cases.