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St. Thomas Man Caught In St. Croix Airport With 36.32 kilos Of Cocaine Sentenced To 10 Years

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Calieb Webster, 32, of St. Thomas, was sentenced to 10 years in prison Thursday by Senior District Court Judge Raymond L. Finch for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe and U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent-in-Charge Angel Melendez have announced.

On Aug. 5, 2013, Webster pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. Court records show that on Feb. 27, 2012, Webster and his girlfriend presented themselves for primary inspection at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix for travel to New York via the Miami International Airport. They were referred to a baggage control

secondary inspection, and a search of Webster's checked bag produced a black plastic bag covered with clothing and aluminum foil.

Upon further inspection, the Customs and Border Protection officer observed 15 rectangular-shaped objects wrapped in plastic. Six additional rectangular-shaped objects were found in Webster's carry-on bag, and several in the girlfriend's. The objects were analyzed and confirmed to contain 36.32 kilograms of cocaine.

Judge Finch also sentenced Webster to five years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay a \$100 special assessment.

U.S. Attorney Sharpe commended the efforts of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Investigations who investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Rhonda Williams-Henry who prosecuted the case.