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Man Carrying Unlicensed Gun During Labor Day J'ouvert In St. Thomas Sentenced To 22 Months In Prison

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ST. THOMAS -- Jace R. Clendinen, 31, will serve 22 months in prison and three years of supervised release after police found a firearm with an obliterated serial number on his person, U.S. Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe has announced via press release on Wednesday.

According to the evidence presented at trial, on September 1, 2014, officers of the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD) were in the area of the Smith Bay Ballpark during Labor Day J'Ouvert activities, when they witnessed an ammunition magazine fall from a

flatbed truck carrying the band.

Officers ordered everyone off the truck to determine who had a firearm. Clendinen jumped from the truck and rapidly walked away from the officers. However, officers apprehended Clendinen and found a Fabrique Nationale firearm with an obliterated serial number in his possession.

Clendine was convicted by a federal jury on February 9, 2015.

This case was investigated by the VIPD and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.

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