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St. Thomas Man Facing 10 Years In Prison For Firearm Offenses

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ST. THOMAS -- D'mari Heyliger, 23, pleaded guilty Monday in District Court here to possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number and possession of an unlicensed firearm, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced on Monday. Sentencing is scheduled for January 11, 2016.

According to the plea agreement filed with the court, on December 20, 2013, a federal search warrant was executed on Heyliger's residence on this island and two firearms were located in his bedroom. Both firearms had obliterated serial numbers, and Heyliger is not authorized to possess a firearm in the Virgin Islands.

Heyliger faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, and five years in prison and a \$15,000 fine for possession of an unlicensed firearm.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. TejoSprotte.

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