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Two Men Facing Jail Time For Harboring Prison Contraband At Golden Grove

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ST. CROIX -- Two men are facing jail time for harboring prison contraband at the Golden Grove Correctional Facility here, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The first, Delroy Woods, 24, pleaded guilty on Friday in District Court here to one count of possession of prison contraband, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced via press release on Friday.

As part of his plea, Woods admitted that on May 7, 2013, officers of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Corrections (BOC) found a shank or homemade knife hidden in a mattress inside a cell solely occupied by Woods at the Golden Grove Adult Correctional Facility on

this island. Woods was an inmate at the facility at the time.

Woods is facing a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. A date for sentencing has not been set.

This case was investigated by the BOC and United States Drug Enforcement Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy.

Also on Friday, Rodney Stanley, 30, pleaded guilty in District Court on this island to one count of possession of prison contraband, according to Attorney Sharpe.

As part of his plea, Stanley admitted that on November 15, 2012, BOC officers found a cellular telephone hidden in a mattress inside a cell solely occupied by Stanley at the Golden Grove Adult Correctional Facility.

Stanley was an inmate at the facility at the time. Cellular telephones are prohibited contraband in correctional facilities because they are known to be used by prisoners to intimidate witnesses, orchestrate narcotics transactions, and facilitate other criminal activity, including murders.

Stanley is facing a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. A date for sentencing has not been set.

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