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Man Indicted On Drug Charges After Allegedly Attempting To Smuggle Marijuana Through St. Thomas Airport

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ST. THOMAS -- A federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment on November 5, 2015, charging Kasimir Asim McClean, 37, of this island with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced today.

McClean was arrested on September 26, 2015 and released pending trial. He is awaiting arraignment and advise-of-rights on the indictment.

According to the indictment and court documents, McClean was a passenger on a Delta Airlines flight arriving at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas from Atlanta, Georgia, when U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents, with the assistance of a canine, found approximately five kilos of marijuana in his luggage.

United States Attorney Sharpe reminds the public that an indictment is merely a formal charging document and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless found guilty.

This case is being investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.

Feature Image: Cyril E. King airport.

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