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Tortola Man Indicted On Bulk Cash Smuggling Charge

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ST. THOMAS -- A federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment on November 5, 2015, charging Kevin Henley, 21, of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, with bulk cash smuggling, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced today.

Henley was arrested on October 7, 2015, and was released on home confinement with electronic monitoring after posting a $25,000.00 cash bond pending trial. His arraignment and advice of rights on the indictment are scheduled to occur on November 12, 2015.

According to the indictment and court documents, agents of the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), were conducting surveillance in Red Hook, St. Thomas, when they observed

Henley load several packages on his British registered vessel docked at the American Yacht Harbor. Henley departed the American Yacht Harbor, but his vessel soon stalled, and he was escorted back to the ferry dock by a passenger ferry.

As Henley approached the dock, he grabbed a black duffle bag from his vessel and attempted to flee the dock without the other packages and without securing the vessel. Henley was immediately apprehended by HSI agents. Upon inspection of Henley's duffle bag, agents found approximately $256,386.00 cash in U.S. Currency. Henley was arrested and charged with failure to declare his currency before departing the United States Virgin Islands.

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 HSI, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Delia L. Smith.

Feature Image: A duffle bag loaded with cash. This is not one of the bags that was confiscated from Henley.