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Feds Indict St. John Man On One Count Of Bulk Cash Smuggling After Failing To Declare \$118,000

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ST. THOMAS -- A federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment on November 5, 2015, charging Kevin Greaves, 43, of St. Thomas, with bulk cash smuggling, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced on Tuesday.

According to the press release, Greaves was arrested on August 22, 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, Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents were conducting surveillance in the East End area of St. John when they observed Greaves approach a vessel that had signaled its arrival from Tortola, BVI, to Greaves at an area overlooking Haulover Bay, St. John. Greaves traveled from the lookout area to Haulover Bay, met with the occupants of the vessel, then departed after a brief encounter.

HSI agents followed Greaves to the Pine Peace area where they stopped him and questioned him about his travels. Greaves told agents that he went to Haulover Bay to discuss a welding job with a mechanic. Agents conducted a search of Greaves' vehicle and found two duffle bags containing \$118,000.00 cash in U.S. currency. Greaves was arrested and charged with failure to declare the currency after it arrived in the United States Virgin Islands from a place outside the United States.

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.