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Man Facing 14yrs In Prison, \$750,000 Fine For Unlawfully Mailing Firearms

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ST. CROIX -- Jahraun Malachi Brodhurst, 24, a native of this island, was arraigned on Thursday, December 17, before U.S. Magistrate Judge George Cannon on a superseding indictment charging him with one count of transporting and shipping a firearm with an obliterated serial number and two counts of unlawfully mailing a firearm, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced on Friday. Brodhurst was arrested on December 4, 2015, in Florida.

According to the superseding indictment, Brodhurst shipped a Smith and Wesson AR-15 lower receiver with an obliterated serial number and mailed a Springfield Armory .40 caliber pistol from Florida to St. Croix on May 26, 2014. Also, on July 13, 2013, Brodhurst

mailed a Glock 23 pistol from Florida to St. Croix.

If convicted of transporting and shipping a firearm with an obliterated serial number, Brodhurst faces a maximum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. If convicted of unlawfully mailing a firearm, Brodhurst faces a maximum sentence of two years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

The superseding indictment is the result of investigative work conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami. S. Badawy.

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