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St. Croix Man Pleads Guilty to Manufacturing Marijuana

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ST. CROIX -- Raymond Mathurin, 48, of St. Croix, pleaded guilty today in District Court here to one count of manufacturing a controlled substance, specifically, marijuana, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

As part of his plea, Mr. Mathurin admitted that on June 26, 2014, he was growing a total of 69 marijuana plants near his property on St. Croix. At the conclusion of the hearing, Magistrate Judge George Cannon continued his release pending sentencing. Mathurin's sentencing date has not been scheduled.

Mr. Mathurin is facing a maximum sentence of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and a \$100.00 special assessment.

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

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