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St. Thomas Man Facing Five Years In Jail, \$250,000 Fine For Possession Of Marijuana With Intent To Distribute

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ST. THOMAS -- Edridge Clyne, 45, on Friday pleaded guilty in federal court to possession with intent to distribute marijuana, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced via press release.

According to the plea agreement filed with the court, on February 25, 2015, Mr. Clyne went to Tropical Shipping to pick up a hot water heater and freezer. During a routine inspection, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (C.B.P.) canine alerted to the presence of narcotics. C.B.P. officers discovered a total of 24 kilograms of marijuana

hidden inside the appliances.

Mr. Clyne faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. A sentencing date has been set for May 31, 2016. This case is the result of investigative work by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (I.C.E.) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

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