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St. Thomas Man Sentenced To Four Months In Prison For Impersonating A Federal Officer And Blackmail

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ST. THOMAS -- District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez sentenced today George W. Lewis, Jr., 50, of St. Thomas, to four months in prison and one year of supervised release for impersonating a federal officer and blackmail, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

Judge Gomez also ordered Mr. Lewis to perform 400 hours of community service, and pay a special assessment of \$125.

Mr. Lewis pleaded guilty on November 6, 2015, to two counts of an indictment charging him with impersonating a federal officer and blackmail.

According to court records, between October 2014 and January 2015, Mr. Lewis presented himself as being employed by immigration. In that pretend capacity, he befriended an illegal alien. When that relationship ended, Mr. Lewis threatened to have the illegal alien deported even though Mr. Lewis knew he was not an employee of immigration and had no authority to do so.

This case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Everard E. Potter.

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