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St. Croix Man Pleads Guilty To Using A Telephone To Facilitate A Drug Transaction

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ST. CROIX -- Carl Hansen, 55, pleaded guilty on Thursday in federal court before the Honorable George W. Cannon to one count of using a communications facility in causing or facilitating the commission of felonies under the Controlled Substances Act, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

According to the plea agreement filed with the court, on May 7, 2015, Mr. Hansen facilitated a drug deal over the telephone between a prospective buyer and seller of illegal controlled substances. The defendant faces a maximum of four years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. A sentencing date has been set for August 17, 2016.

The defendant remains out of custody pending sentencing. The charge is the result of investigative work of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Virgin Islands Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian Stringer.

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