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Michigan Woman Pleads Guilty To Possessing Marijuana With Intent To Distribute

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ST. THOMAS -- Deangelia D. Quintana, 30, pleaded guilty today in District Court on St. Thomas to one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

According to the plea agreement, on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, Ms. Quintana arrived at the Cyril E. King Airport, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on board a Delta Airlines flight from Atlanta, Georgia. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (C.B.P.) Officers approached Ms. Quintana as she approached the carousel at the baggage claim area and removed two bags. Ms. Quintana was taken to secondary inspection where C.B.P. officers searched her bags and discovered a large bundle of plastic in each bag. Within the

plastics, C.B.P. discovered approximately 19.5 kilos of what was determined to be marijuana. When questioned, Ms. Quintana admitted that the bags were hers.

District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez permitted Ms. Quintana to remain on release pending her October 6, 2016, sentencing date. Ms. Quintana faces a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.

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