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Dominican Republic Man Sentenced To 32 Months For Possession Of A Firearm By An Illegal Alien

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ST. THOMAS -- District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez sentenced today Pedro Beltre Guzman, 35, of the Dominican Republic to 32 months' imprisonment followed by three years of supervised release for possession of a firearm by an illegal alien.

Judge Gomez ordered Guzman to pay a \$100 special assessment and perform 200 hours of community service.

According to evidence presented at trial, on the morning of September 3, 2015, Guzman and co-defendants Gerandino-Aracena and Cardona, traveled from Fajardo, Puerto Rico, to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands in a private vessel equipped with a hidden compartment

that contained three assault rifles. Sentencing hearings for Gerandino-Aracena and Cardona are pending without a date.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte and Delia Smith.

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