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Puerto Rico Man Pleads Guilty To Trafficking In Firearms

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ST. THOMAS -- On Friday, November 18, 2016, Raji Yusuf, 30, of Puerto Rico, pleaded guilty in District Court to trafficking in firearms, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced. Sentencing is set for March 23, 2017.

According to the plea agreement, between October 15, 2015, and February 10, 2016, Yusuf facilitated the sale of an AK-47 assault rifle to an individual in St. Thomas. Yusuf is not a federally licensed firearms dealer and is not licensed under Virgin Islands law to possess any firearms.

Yusuf faces up to five years of imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid Tejo-Sprotte.

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