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St. Thomas Woman Sentenced To Prison For Conspiracy To Commit Hobbs Act Robbery

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ST. THOMAS -- On February 2, 2017, District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez sentenced Samantha Joseph, 25, of St. Thomas, to three years and five months' imprisonment and three years of supervised release for conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced Thursday.

Judge Gomez also ordered Joseph to perform 400 hours of community service and pay a \$100 special assessment.

On September 29, 2016, Joseph pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery. According to the plea agreement, Joseph, an employee of Signature Jewelers at

the time, conspired with other individuals to rob the store. Joseph agreed to hold the door open so that her co-conspirators could gain entry. On August 19, 2015, Joseph's co-conspirators entered the store and brandished a weapon to threaten and intimidate store employees. The robbers used duct tape to bind and gag the victims and then fled the store with cash and merchandise.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anna A. Vlasova.

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