

The Virgin Islands Consortium

St. Croix Man Gets Probation For Unlawful Mailing Of Firearm; PR Man Gets 46 Months On Conspiracy To Possess Controlled Substance Charge

Crime / **Published On February 08, 2017 08:58 PM /**

Staff **February 08, 2017**



ST. CROIX -- District Court Judge Raymond L. Finch, on Tuesday sentenced Waleed Lang, 33, of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to five years of probation for unlawful mailing of a firearm, United States Attorney Ronald W. announced. Judge Finch also ordered Lang to pay a fine of \$500 along with a special assessment of \$100.

On or about February 15, 2014, Lang knowingly mailed a U.S. priority mail parcel from Florida to St. Croix. The parcel contained a Titan Tier .38 caliber revolver.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alphonso Andrews, Jr.

Also on February Tuesday, Judge Finch sentenced Carmelo Cruz-Velez, 52, of Puerto Rico, to 46 months in prison for conspiracy to possess a controlled substance with intent to distribute, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced. Judge Finch also sentenced CruzVelez to five years of supervised release and ordered him to pay a fine of \$2,000 along with a special assessment of \$100.

Before October 21, 2014, Cruz-Velez and his co-conspirators agreed to import cocaine into St. Croix and deliver it to others. On October 21, 2014, his coconspirators retrieved a mid-sea shipment of 71 kilograms of cocaine and brought it to St. Croix. Afterward, Cruz-Velez, knowing of the plan, took possession of the cocaine and delivered it to another individual for transshipment to Puerto Rico.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alphonso Andrews, Jr