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St. Croix Man Facing 20 Years, \$1 Million Fine On Federal Cocaine Charge

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ST. CROIX -- Dimitrous Jefferson, 27, pleaded guilty today in federal court here to conspiracy to possess a controlled substance with intent to distribute, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

On May 4, 2016, [Mr. Jefferson](#) and co-defendant Ray Harris, were employees of Worldwide Flight Services at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix. As they entered the Transportation and Security Administration's screening area, Mr. Jefferson triggered the metal detector. A search of his person revealed a brick-like package wrapped with gray duct tape and strapped to his leg. Mr. Harris had a similar package strapped to his leg. Both packages tested positive for cocaine. The total weight of the packages was

approximately 992 grams. Mr. Jefferson told law enforcement officers that he was assisting Mr. Harris, who pleaded guilty on February 17, 2017.

Mr. Jefferson faces up to 20 years of incarceration for the offense and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. A sentencing date has been set for June 28, 2017. Co-defendant Harris' sentencing is scheduled for June 22, 2017.

The case was investigated by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rhonda Williams Henry.

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