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Man Sentenced To 41 Months In Prison For Possession Of Cocaine With Intent To Distribute

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ST. CROIX -- District Court Judge Raymond L. Finch on Tuesday sentenced Alejandro Marva-Romero, 33, of Venezuela, to 41 months in prison for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett has announced.

Judge Finch also sentenced Marva-Romero to five years of supervised release and ordered him to pay a special assessment of \$100.

On September 14, 2016, Marva-Romero pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. On November 13, 2015, Marva-Romero and other co-defendants traveled from St. Croix by boat to retrieve a load of cocaine mid-sea from a supply

vessel. They transported the drugs in suitcases back to St. Croix and offloaded them at Knight's Bay beach. Law enforcement tracked the boat as it returned to St. Croix and apprehended Marva-Romero and two co-defendants on the beach in close proximity to the suitcases. The suitcases contained 87 kilograms of cocaine.

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

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