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Woman Facing No More Than 5 Years In Jail, \$250,000 Fine For Possession With Intent To Distribute Marijuana

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ST. THOMAS -- Okeyonna Njoku, 30, of Los Angeles, California pleaded guilty on Thursday in federal court to possessing with intent to distribute marijuana, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced today.

According to the plea agreement, on October 15, 2016, at the Cyril E. King Airport, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) K-9 detected narcotics in a checked bag belonging to Njoku, who had arrived on an American Airlines flight from Miami, Florida. CPB officers examined the contents of the bag, resealed it, and placed it on the carousel

for retrieval. Njoku retrieved the bag from the baggage claim area. CBP officers seized and field-tested a total of approximately 5.9 kilograms of marijuana from Njoku's bags.

Njoku was remanded into the custody of the United States Marshals Service. Sentencing is scheduled for July 20, 2017.

Njoku faces a maximum sentence of not more than five years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, and three years of supervised release.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anna A. Vlasova.