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St. Thomas Man Facing 5 Years, \$250K Fine For Possession Of A Firearm With An Obliterated Serial Number

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ST. THOMAS -- Jashawn Bailey, 30, of St. Thomas pleaded guilty today in federal court to possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced. District Judge Curtis V. Gomez remanded Bailey into the custody of the United States Marshals Service pending his sentencing on August 8, 2017.

According to the plea agreement, on December 14, 2016, Virgin Islands Police Department officers (VIPD), while processing a crime scene, discovered a .45 Taurus

firearm with an obliterated serial number wrapped in a T-shirt and hat. The investigation revealed that those items belonged to Bailey. Further, the firearm was determined to be operable and had traveled in interstate commerce. Bailey does not possess a license for the firearm in the Virgin Islands.

Bailey faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the VIPD. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

Feature Image: Example of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

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