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Men Jailed In Federal Prison For Selling AK-47 In St. Thomas

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ST. THOMAS -- Mohammed Jubran, 27, of St. Thomas, was sentenced today to 21 months in prison, and co-defendant, Raji Yusuf, 30, of Puerto Rico, was sentenced to 27 months in prison, both for trafficking in firearms, Acting United States Attorney Hewlett announced.

District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez also sentenced each of the two men to serve three years of supervised release, pay a \$100 special assessment, and perform 350 hours of community service.

On November 8 and 18, 2016, Jubran and Yusuf pleaded guilty to trafficking in firearms. According to the plea agreements, between October 15, 2015 and February 10, 2016, Yusuf provided an AK-47 to Jubran that Jubran sold to an individual in St. Thomas. Neither Jubran nor Yusuf is a federally licensed firearms dealer, and neither is licensed under Virgin Islands law to possess firearms.

This case was a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid Tejo-Sprotte.

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