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Man Sentenced To 60 Months In Prison For Drug Conspiracy And Possession Of Cocaine With Intent To Distribute

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ST. THOMAS -- Rhasheel Charles, 30, of St. Thomas, was sentenced today to 60 months in prison and five years of supervised release for drug conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced Thursday.

District Judge Curtis V. Gomez also ordered Charles to pay a \$100 special assessment and complete 400 hours of community service.

On January 31, 2017, Charles pleaded guilty to drug conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. According to the plea agreement filed with the court, Charles was attempting to carry 3.55 kilograms of cocaine in a bag onboard an American Airlines flight to Miami, Fla., when a Customs and Border Protection canine alerted to the drugs in the bag.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sigrid TejoSprotte.

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