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McDonald's Restaurant Robbery Suspects Plead Guilty, Face Decades In Federal Prison

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ST. THOMAS -- Hanselo Recio, 18, and Junior Feliz, 22, both of the Dominican Republic, pleaded guilty today in District Court on St. Thomas for their roles in [the robbery of a McDonald's restaurant in St. Thomas](#), Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced today.

Recio pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence, and Feliz pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery. Both defendants were remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal pending sentencing on October 5, 2017.

According to plea agreements filed with the court, on March 25, members of the Virgin Islands Police Department responded to reports of a robbery at the McDonald's restaurant in the Lockhart Shopping Center. After an exchange of gunfire, Recio, who was armed and inside the McDonald's restaurant, surrendered and was taken into custody. Feliz was the driver of the getaway car. Three other men also are charged in



Hanselo Recio, 18

Recio faces up to 20 years in prison for conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery and a mandatory 10-year consecutive sentence for discharge of a firearm during a federal crime of violence. Feliz faces up to 20 years in prison for conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the VIPD. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.