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Man Sentenced To 24 Months In Prison For Cocaine Distribution

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ST. THOMAS -- Acio Richards, 26, of St. Thomas, was sentenced on Thursday to 24 months in prison for cocaine distribution, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced. District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez also sentenced Richards to three years of supervised release.

On February 27, 2017, Richards pleaded guilty to three counts of cocaine distribution. According to the plea agreement filed in court, Richards admitted to distributing cocaine to an undercover agent on three different occasions in November 2016. Richards further admitted that during the third transaction, he exchanged a purported half-ounce of cocaine for a Glock pistol.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Meredith J. Edwards.

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