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California Woman Sentenced To Eight Months For Possession With Intent To Distribute Marijuana

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ST. THOMAS -- Okeyonna Njoku, 30, of Los Angeles, California, was sentenced today to eight months' imprisonment and three years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced.

District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez also ordered Njoku to perform 300 hours of community service and pay a special assessment of \$100.

On March 16, 2017, Njoku pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. According to the plea agreement, on October 15, 2016, at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) K-9

detected narcotics in a checked bag belonging to Njoku. Njoku had taken an American Airlines flight from Miami, Fla. to St. Thomas. CBP officers examined the contents of the bag, resealed the bag, and placed it on the carousel for retrieval. When Njoku retrieved the bag, CBP officers seized and field-tested approximately 5.9 kilograms of marijuana from Njoku's bags.

This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anna A. Vlasova.

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