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Two Men Sentenced To 12 Months In Prison For Bringing In And Harboring Illegal Aliens

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ST. THOMAS -- King Leonard, 24, of Tortola and Michael Leonard, 21, of Pennsylvania, were sentenced today to 12 months in prison for bringing into and harboring illegal aliens in the United States, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced. District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez also sentenced the two brothers to serve three years of supervised release, pay a \$100 special assessment, and perform 350 hours of community service.

The two brothers recently pleaded guilty to bringing into and harboring illegal aliens in the United States. According to the plea agreements, between November 10-11, 2016, the two brothers attempted to smuggle six illegal aliens, nationals of the Dominican Republic,

into the United States aboard the M/V Sole Mio, which they operated.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations with the assistance of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David White.

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