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St. Thomas Man Detained After Arrest For Possession With Intent To Distribute Marijuana

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ST. THOMAS -- Caheem Johnson, 22, of St. Thomas, was detained today pending further proceedings after his arrest Saturday for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, Acting United States Attorney, Joycelyn Hewlett announced. Johnson made his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller on Sunday after being charged in a criminal complaint.

According to the criminal complaint, on Saturday at the Cyril E. King Airport on St. Thomas, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection K-9 detected narcotics in Johnson's carry-on luggage. CBP officers examined the contents of the luggage, which revealed six sealed bags containing a green leafy substance. CBP officers seized and field tested the

green leafy substance and determined it to be approximately 2.2 kilograms of marijuana.

If convicted, Johnson faces a maximum sentence of not more than five years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, and three years of supervised release.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anna A. Vlasova.

Acting United States Attorney Hewlett reminds the public that a criminal complaint is merely a formal charging document and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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