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Man From Dominica Arrested For Possession With Intent To Distribute Cocaine

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ST. THOMAS -- Kenneth James, 51, of Dominica, made his initial appearance today before U.S. Magistrate Judge George W. Cannon after being charged in a criminal complaint with conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, Acting United States Attorney Joycelyn Hewlett announced. James was detained pending preliminary and detention hearings set for August 17, 2017.

According to the complaint, on August 15, 2017, James attempted to sell to an individual approximately 12 kilograms of a white powdery substance that tested positive for cocaine.

Conspiracy and possession with the intent to distribute in excess of five kilograms of cocaine carries a sentence of not less than 10 years in prison or more than life and a \$10,000,000 fine.

The case is being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

Acting United States Attorney Hewlett reminds the public that a 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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