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South Carolina Man Arraigned On Charge of Mailing Firearms To St. Thomas

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ST. THOMAS -- Steven Baxter, 31, of South Carolina, was arraigned Wednesday in District Court on the charge of sending firearms through the mail, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced. Baxter, who was indicted by a federal grand jury on June 7, 2017, was extradited from South Carolina based on an arrest warrant issued by the District Court the same day. U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller ordered Baxter detained pending further proceedings.

According to the indictment, on or about March 29, 2017, Baxter caused two firearms to be shipped from South Carolina to a third person in St. Thomas, knowing that the third person was not a licensed firearms dealer. If convicted, Baxter faces a maximum

sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

This case is being investigated by Homeland Security Investigations and the United States Postal Inspection Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.

United States Attorney Shappert emphasized that an indictment 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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