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St. Croix Man Sentenced To 3 Years In Federal Prison For Conspiracy To Possess And Distribute Marijuana

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Stephen Bernier, 53, of St. Croix, was sentenced today for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute marijuana, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced.

District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez sentenced Bernier to 36 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay a \$100 special assessment and perform 300 hours of community service.

On November 3, 2017, Bernier pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute marijuana. According to documents filed in court, between January 10, 2016

and March 8, 2017, Bernier and other co-conspirators possessed and distributed approximately 140 kilograms of marijuana through the United States Postal Service.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and Homeland Security Investigations. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

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