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Dominican Republic Man Sentenced To 2 Years Possession Of Firearm Illegal Immigrant

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ST. THOMAS -- Cristian Lopez-Moncion, 36, of the Dominican Republic, was sentenced on Thursday for possession of a firearm by an illegal alien, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced.

District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez sentenced Lopez-Moncion to 24 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay a \$100 special assessment.

On June 14, 2017, Lopez-Moncion pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by an illegal alien. According to documents filed in court, on August 6, 2016, the Virgin Islands Police

Department (VIPD) responded to a report of shots fired on Main Street in St. Thomas. The investigation revealed that Lopez-Moncion was in possession of a Glock 9 mm firearm. The firearm was recovered and analyzed. A forensic examination determined that the firearm had been modified to operate in a fully automatic capacity. Lopez-Moncion is not a legal resident of the United States and is not licensed to possess a firearm in the Virgin Islands.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the VIPD. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.