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Two Men Detained After Their Arrests For Possession With Intent To Distribute Cocaine

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ST. THOMAS -- On March 21, 2018, Dexter Harley, 32, of Tortola, BVI, and Jose Squiabro, 44, of St. Thomas, were both detained today pending further proceedings after their arrests on Monday, March 19, 2018, for conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert, announced. Both made their initial appearances before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller on Monday after being charged in an indictment.

According to the indictment, from December 15, 2015 to February 9, 2016, Harley and Squiabro conspired to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a substance that contained cocaine.

Possession with intent to distribute cocaine in the amount for 500 grams or more carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years and a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine.

United States Attorney Shappert reminds the public 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.

This case is a result of an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anna A. Vlasova.

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