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23-Year-Old Tortola Native Pleads Guilty To Cocaine Conspiracy After Traffic Stop Leads To Seizure Of 39 Bricks Of Cocaine

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ST. THOMAS -- Khadin Fahie, 23, pleaded guilty before District Judge Curtis Gomez to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute at least 15 but less than 40 kilogram of cocaine, United States Attorney Gretchen Shappert announced today. Fahie sentencing is scheduled for October 18, 2018.

Police Department conducted a routine traffic stop of an unregistered SUV operated by Jesus Rosario-Rondon. Fahie was a the passenger in the vehicle. According to the plea agreement filed with the court, on March 7, 2018, a VIPD officer during a routine traffic

stop observed occupants of a vehicle who appeared very nervous and agitated. The officer also observed two large duffle bags in the back seat of the SUV, and later asked both occupants if either was the owner of the duffle bags. Fahie and the driver of the SUV both responded that the duffle bags belonged to the other person.

The VIPD officer then requested and received permission from the driver of the SUV to search the duffle bags. Inspection of the duffle bags revealed 39 bricks containing a white powdered substance, wrapped in vacuumed sealed plastic that later tested positive of the presence of cocaine. Also discovered was one empty plastic wrapping that tested positive for cocaine. Fahie later admitted ownership of the cocaine, and stated that he traveled from Tortola to St. Thomas with the cocaine to find a buyer. Fahie further stated that the driver of the SUV had assisted him in finding a buyer for the cocaine on St. Thomas.

This case was investigated by Drug Enforcement Administration and the Virgin Islands Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Delia Smith.