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St. Thomas Man Pleads Guilty To Alvaro de Lugo Post Office Burglary

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ST. THOMAS -- Allen Springette, 45, of St. Thomas, pleaded guilty today in District Court before District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez, to burglary of the Alvaro de Lugo Post Office, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced today. Sentencing is set for October 18, 2018.

In court today, Springette admitted that, had the case proceeded to trial, the government would have been able to prove that in the early morning hours of April 16, 2018, Springette gained entry into the Alvaro de Lugo Post Office by smashing one of its windows with a brick. After crawling through the window, Springette rifled through several postal packages and thereafter, as was captured on surveillance video, left with at least

one package.

V.I.P.D. officers easily identified Springette as the individual captured on those surveillance videos and, upon encountering him later that same evening, noticed that Springette appeared to be wearing the same clothing as seen on the videos. When questioned, Springette admitted to breaking into the Alvaro de Lugo Post Office with the intent of finding items to steal and that he did, in fact, steal at least one postal package.

Springette faces a maximum sentence of five years and a fine of \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Virgin Islands Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Meredith J. Edwards.

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