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St. Croix Man Sentenced For Unlawfully Mailing Pistol And AR-15 Lower Receiver, And For Marijuana Offense

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ST. CROIX -- Jahraun Malachi Brodhurst, 26, of St. Croix, was sentenced on Friday, July 20, 2018, before District Court Chief Judge Wilma A. Lewis to 21 months' imprisonment for his convictions of unlawfully mailing a firearm and possession with intent to distribute marijuana, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced. Judge Lewis also sentenced Brodhurst to 3 years of supervised release, a \$1,000 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

According to the plea agreement filed with the court, on May 26, 2014, Brodhurst sent a U.S. priority mail parcel from Florida to St. Croix, Virgin Islands that contained a pistol and a an AR-15 lower receiver with an obliterated serial number. Both of the firearms

were wrapped in carbon paper. The United States Postal Inspection Service Forensic Laboratories recovered two latent prints from the adhesive side of tape used to wrap the firearms in the carbon paper. Those prints matched Brodhurst's known fingerprints.

On May 4, 2017, while a passenger in a car, stopped at a DUI checkpoint, Brodhurst was apprehended in possession of a distribution quantity of marijuana.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Virgin Islands Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Meredith J. Edwards.