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Tortola Man Is Facing Life Imprisonment, \$10 Million Fine For Attempting To Smuggle 10 Kilograms Of Cocaine Through Cyril E. King Airport

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ST. THOMAS -- Ashley Warner, 54, of Tortola, pleaded guilty today in District Court before District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez, to conspiracy and possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced. Sentencing is set for December 6, 2018.

According to court documents, Warner was stopped by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Cyril E. King Airport after it was discovered that Warner was attempting to smuggle 10 kilograms of cocaine through the airport to the U.S.

mainland in coolers. The white powdery substance discovered inside the coolers, tested positive for cocaine and weighed approximately 10 kilograms.

Warner faces a sentence of not less than 10 years or more than life and a fine of \$10 million.

The case was investigated by the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

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