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Dominican Republic Man Pleads Guilty To Conspiracy To Possess 55 Kilograms Of Cocaine With Intent To Distribute

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ST. THOMAS -- Reynaldo Lerburds, 41, of the Dominican Republic, pleaded guilty today in District Court before Judge Curtis V. Gomez to conspiracy to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced. Sentencing is set for December 6, 2018.

According to the plea agreement, Lerburds was stopped by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) based on information that Lerburds was coming from St. John on the car barge in a vehicle that contained a distribution quantity of cocaine. Lerburds was

apprehended after departing the car barge, and DEA agents confiscated 50 brick-like objects of a white powdery substance. The white powdery substance tested positive for cocaine and weighed approximately 55 kilograms.

Lerburds 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 Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD) and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

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