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Men From Haiti And Dominican Republic Sentenced To Prison For Conspiring To Possess With Intent To Distribute Cocaine

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ST. THOMAS -- Tommy Ramirez, 29, of the Dominican Republic, and Ramon Clavel, 55 of Haiti, were sentenced for their roles in the conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute one kilogram of cocaine, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert, announced.

On August 23, United States District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez sentenced defendant Tommy Ramirez to 38 months imprisonment. Judge Gomez sentenced defendant Ramon Clavel to 36 months of imprisonment. Each defendant was also ordered to be

placed on four years of supervised release upon their discharge from prison. In addition, Judge Gomez ordered Ramirez and Clavel to each pay a \$100 special assessment and perform 200 hours of community service.

On April 18, 2018, Ramirez and Clavel pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute one kilogram of cocaine. According to the plea agreement filed with the Court, on February 12, 2018, Ramirez instructed Clavel to present himself at the Emancipation Gardens post office to claim a package containing a white powdery substance later identified by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as approximately one kilogram of cocaine.

This case was a result of an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the United States Postal Inspection Services (USPIS), and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). It was prosecuted by February Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.