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St. Croix Man Responsible For Frederiksted Grow Operation Pleads Guilty To Manufacture Of Marijuana

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ST. CROIX -- Roy Christian, 63, of St. Croix pleaded guilty on Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge George Cannon, Jr., to manufacture of marijuana, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced.

According to the plea agreement filed with the court, on or about March 30, 2017, agents and officers of the DEA St. Croix Office executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence in Frederiksted. Over 313 marijuana plants were seized growing in pots and in different stages of growth. A large quantity of processed marijuana and U.S. currency were also found. Defendant later admitted that he grew and sold marijuana. Laboratory analysis confirmed the plants were marijuana.

Christian faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. A sentencing date has been set for January 10, 2019.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rhonda Williams-Henry

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