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Man Sentenced To 3 Years For Concealing Cocaine And Failing To Notify Law Enforcement, Misprision Of Felony

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ST. THOMAS -- Michael Leonard, 21, of Pennsylvania, was sentenced today to 3 years in prison for misprision of a felony consecutive to the sentenced Leonard is already serving for his violation of supervision, announced United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert. District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez also sentenced Leonard to one year of supervised release and ordered him to pay a \$100 special assessment and pay a \$1,000 fine.

According to court documents, Leonard traveled with Reynaldo Lerburds and other individuals to a secluded area of St. John and was present when a shipment of cocaine was delivered. Leonard took steps to help conceal the cocaine and did not make any effort to notify law enforcement of the receipt of the cocaine or his actions in concealing the cocaine. Further on April 18, 2018, when Leonard was arrested he failed to advise law enforcement of the receipt of the cocaine or the transport of the cocaine.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sigrid M. Tejo-Sprotte.

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