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## Tortola Man Sentenced To 10 Years For Cocaine Conspiracy, Possession And Intent To Distribute

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ST. THOMAS -- Ashley Warner, 54, of Tortola, was sentenced 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. District Court Judge Curtis V. Gomez sentenced Warner to 120 months followed by five years supervised release. Judge Gomez additionally ordered that Warner pay a \$200 special assessment.

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.

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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