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Florida And BVI Residents Indicted For Bulk Cash Smuggling And False Statements

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ST. THOMAS -- A federal Grand Jury on Wednesday returned separate indictments against Mikiel Robin, 21, of the British Virgin Islands and Akil Erickson, 25, of Florida, for bulk cash smuggling and false statements, United States Attorney Gretchen Shappert announced.

The indictment against Robin alleges that he entered the United States from Tortola and failed to declare that he was carrying approximately \$38,000 in his travel bag. The indictment against Erickson alleges that during the same period he too entered the United States from Tortola with approximately \$50,000 in United States currency and falsely claimed that he was not traveling with said currency.

Under federal law, both men face a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

United States Attorney Shappert reminds the public that an indictment is merely a formal charging document and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

These cases are being investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). They are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.

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