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Man Who Mailed Narcotics From St. John Sentenced To 46 Months For Possession of Cocaine With Intent To Distribute

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ST. THOMAS -- Braulio Martinez, 33, of the Dominican Republic, was sentenced today in District Court before Judge Curtis V. Gomez to possession with the intent to distribute cocaine, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced. Judge Gomez sentenced Mr. Martinez to 46 months followed by four years supervised release. Judge Gomez additionally ordered that Martinez pay a \$100 special assessment.

According to court documents, on or about July 25th, 2017, Mr. Martinez was seen on video mailing a package from St. John to the U.S. mainland. The package was inspected

by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and found to contain electronic equipment with two black plastic-like wrapped packages secreted inside the equipment. The packages were brick-like in shape and each contained a white powdery substance that field-tested positive for cocaine. The packages were sent to the DEA laboratory for testing and confirmed to be approximately two kilograms of cocaine.

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

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