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St. Thomas Resident Pleads Guilty To Calling In Bomb Threats To Ritz-Carlton

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ST. THOMAS -- Rudy Cook, 51, of St. Thomas, pleaded guilty in District Court before Judge Curtis V. Gomez, to two counts of calling in bomb threats, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert has announced.

According to court documents, on or around September 18, 2018, Mr. Cook called in a bomb threat to the Ritz Carlton Hotel on St. Thomas stating that three bombs planted at the hotel would explode at noon. On that same day Mr. Cook made a 911 call stating that there were bombs located at the Ritz-Carlton that would explode and kill a lot of people.

Mr. Cook faces a maximum sentence of 10 year incarceration and a maximum period of supervised release of 3 years. In addition, Mr. Cook faces a maximum fine of \$250,000. His sentencing is scheduled for July 11, 2019.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.

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