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St. Thomas Man Found Guilty Of Possession Of Marijuana With Intent To Distribute

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ST. THOMAS -- Le'Quan Registe, 25, of St. Thomas, was found guilty of possession with intent to distribute marijuana after a jury trial in District Court, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced. The jury trial lasted one day, commencing on April 29 with jury deliberations commencing and concluding on April 30. Registe was acquitted of an additional charge of possession of a firearm in furtherance of marijuana distribution.

According to trial testimony, on May 18, 2018, during a search of Registe's vehicle, Virgin Islands Police Department officers located quantities of marijuana on the gear shift, on top of and underneath the front passenger seat, as well as in a backpack located on the backseat. Officers also located in the car \$3,400 in a hidden compartment of the steering

wheel, a police scanner, baggies, a digital scale, and a firearm.

After trial, Registe was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshals Service. Sentencing is set for August 29, 2019.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Virgin Islands Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Meredith J. Edwards and George Andrew Massucco- LaTaif.

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