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Guyanese National Facing 10 Years in Prison After Pleading Guilty to Illegal Re-Entry into US

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ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced today that Warren Michael Whyte, a citizen of Guyana, appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller in the District Court and entered a guilty plea to the charge of illegal re-entry of removed alien. He faces up to ten years in federal prison.

According to Court documents, on March 14, 2020, an Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) Deportation Officer received information from a credible source of information that an individual who was previously deported from the United States was working in the Smith Bay area in St. Thomas at an auto repair shop called "Auto World". Criminal and immigration records checks were completed and revealed that on June 18,

2002, Warren Whyte was ordered removed from the United States by the Immigration & Naturalization Service to his native country of Guyana as an aggravated felon due to his prior felony conviction.

Court records show that on March 17, 2020, at approximately 7:00 a.m., an ICE officer observed an individual who appeared to be the person identified in the picture as Warren Whyte. Officer Williams conducted a vehicle stop on VI Route 40 of the vehicle the individual was driving. During the encounter, Whyte freely admitted that his name was Warren Whyte. He was taken into custody and transported to ICE office where his fingerprints revealed a positive match to his prior record of deportation.

This case was investigated by the U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Juan A. Albino.

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