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Car Accident Leads to Guilty Plea After Police Find AR-15 Pistol and Ammunition, Marijuana in St. Thomas Man's Car

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Mugshot of Kahlid Blyden By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert for the District of the Virgin Islands announced Monday that Kahlid Blyden appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller and entered a plea of guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

According to the written plea agreement, Blyden was involved in an automobile accident on August 21, 2020. A responding Virgin Islands Police Department officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car driven by Blyden. Officers searched the car and found a backpack

with a large plastic bag inside containing 15.6 ounces of marijuana, an AR-15 pistol and a box of ammunition. Blyden admitted as true that he was in possession of the marijuana and firearm. Court records reveal that Blyden attempted to flee but was detained by V.I.P.D. officers.

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

This case was investigated by the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and prosecuted by United States Attorney's Office of the Virgin Islands.

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