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St. Croix Man Arrested on Cocaine Charges

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ST. CROIX — Keithley Parris, 32, of St. Croix, appeared before Magistrate Judge George W. Cannon on Thursday for an initial appearance after his arrest by Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents on the charges of conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

Parris was originally charged by indictment on September 17, however, that indictment was sealed until his arrest on November 21.

At the initial appearance, the United States moved to detain Parris. A detention hearing and arraignment is set for today before Magistrate Judge Cannon.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Daniel H. Huston and Melissa Ortiz.

United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert reminds the public that an Indictment is merely a formal charging document and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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