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Man Pleads Guilty After Arriving at St. Thomas Airport With Nine Vacuum-Sealed Packages of Marijuana

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ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced on Tuesday that Kharim Moore pleaded guilty Monday in federal court to possession with intent to distribute marijuana.

According to court documents, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers were conducting screenings of arriving passengers at the Cyril E. King Airport on November 4, 2020 when Moore disembarked a Delta Airlines flight from Atlanta, GA. He was selected for inspection and his carryon backpack was searched.

Officers discovered nine vacuum-sealed packages with a green leafy substance inside that weighed approximately 3.48 kilograms. The substance tested positive for marijuana.

The Department of Homeland Security-Homeland Security Investigations and CBP investigated the case. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Payne and is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) investigation.

OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

Moore will be sentenced at a later date and faces a maximum term of up to five years imprisonment.