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Man Who Coordinated With Others Through Text Messages to Deliver Up to 500 Grams of Cocaine to St. Thomas Pleads Guilty

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ST. THOMAS — Tommy Ramirez, 32, of St. Thomas, entered a guilty plea to the charge of conspiracy to distribute cocaine, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert for the District of the Virgin Islands announced recently.

According to court documents, in January and February of 2018 Ramirez conspired with others to distribute cocaine. He operated through a series of text messages that were seized as part of the investigation. Further, the investigation revealed that the defendant and others coordinated the delivery of between 400 and 500 grams of cocaine in St.

Thomas.

The offense carries a possible sentence of incarceration of up to twenty years, a maximum fine of up to \$1 million and a term of supervised release of up to six years. Sentencing will be scheduled at a later date.

This case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Postal Inspection Service. It is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of the Virgin Islands.

This prosecution 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.