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St. Thomas Man Caught With 9 Vacuum-Sealed Packages of Marijuana at Airport Sentenced in Federal Court

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ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced Friday that Kharim Moore of St. Thomas was sentenced today to three years' probation, fined \$1,000, and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service for 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 was 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, multiagency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.