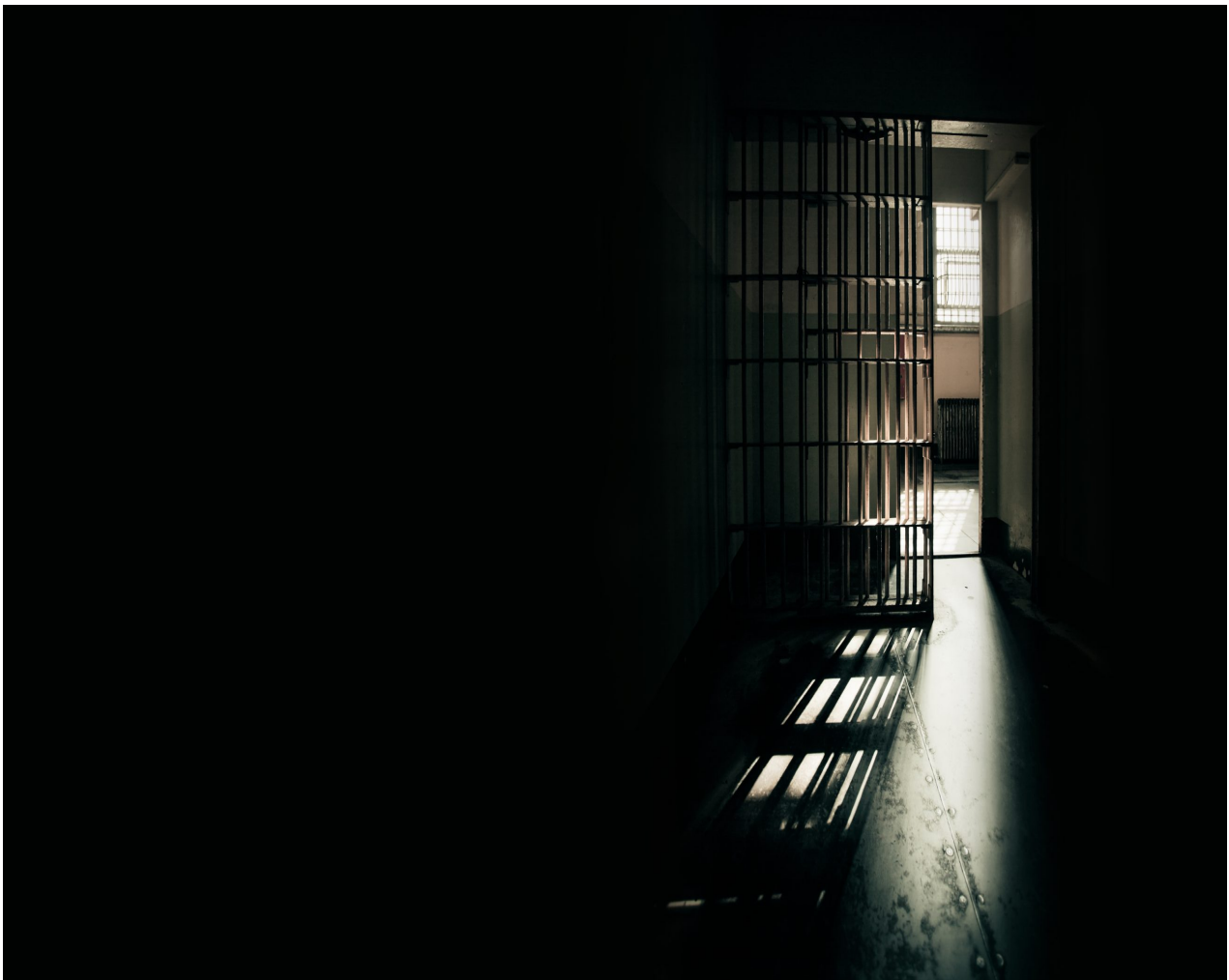


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St. Thomas Man Gets 7-Month Prison Sentence For Attempting to Smuggle Marijuana Through St. Croix Airport

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ST. CROIX — U.S. Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced Wednesday that Jahvar Looby, age 31 of St. Thomas, appeared before Judge Wilma Lewis in U.S. District Court and was sentenced on the charge of conspiracy to possess marihuana with intent to distribute.

Judge Lewis sentenced Looby to 7 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release, a fine of \$1,500, and a \$100 special assessment.

According to court documents, on February 11, 2021, Looby and three other co-conspirators flew into the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport on St. Croix on American Airlines flight number 2003 from Charlotte, North Carolina. Upon their arrival, Customs and Border Protection officers selected several pieces of luggage for physical inspection. The CBP officers observed anomalies while the luggage was examined by an X-ray machine. A subsequent search revealed several clear, vacuum sealed bundles containing a green, leafy substance, which later field-tested positive for marijuana. In total, approximately 6.33 kilograms of suspected marijuana was seized from Looby and his co-conspirators.

Customs and Border Protection and Homeland Security Investigations investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel H. Huston prosecuted the case.

The effort was part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.