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## Woman Sentenced After Attempting to Smuggle 76 Kilograms of Marijuana Through Cyril E. King Airport

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ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced today that Idesha Patricia Sterrod, age 32, was sentenced to time served and two years of supervised release for attempting to smuggle 76 kilograms of marijuana through the Cyril E. King Airport.

According to court documents, on August 5, 2020, Sterrod traveled from California to the Cyril E. King Airport with several suitcases containing marijuana. The Defendant was traveling with three minor females, ages 12, 14, and 15, who are not related to her. While Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers were conducting an inspection of the checked luggage, the CBP canine alerted to the scent of a controlled substance on a

suitcase. The Defendant was observed retrieving the suitcases containing marijuana from the baggage claim area. Each of the three minor females also had a checked bag that was tagged in the minors' names which contained marijuana.

Sterrod previously pled guilty in this case on May 17, 2021 to Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana.

This case was investigated by Customs and Border Protection, the Homeland Security Investigations, and Virgin Islands Police Department.

This 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.

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