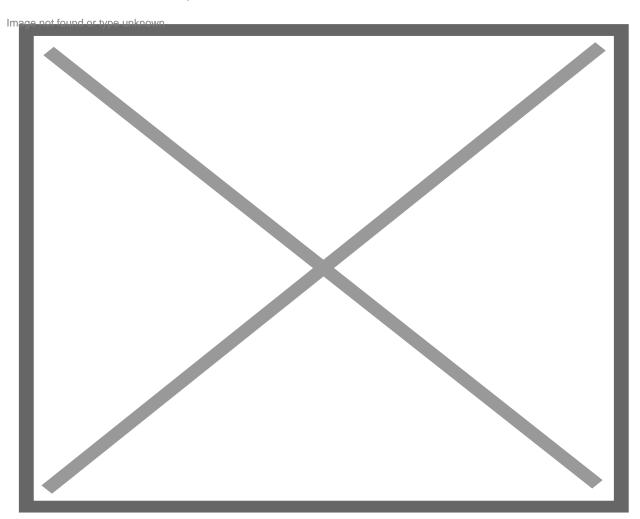
## St. Croix Man Who Transported Minor to Have Sex For Cash Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison, 15 Years of Supervised Release

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A 2017 mugshot of Zayvon Acoy. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — U.S. Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced Monday that District Court Judge Wilma A. Lewis sentenced Zayvon Acoy, 31, to 120 months in prison and 15 years of supervised release, following his guilty plea to transportation of a minor with the intent to engage in criminal sexual activity.

According to court documents, on or around May to June, 2017, Acoy conspired with his codefendant to transport the minor by vehicle from the Peter's Rest area in St. Croix to his codefendant's residence in the vicinity of Beeston Hill, for the co-defendant to engage in sexual activity with the minor. The minor entered the residence and engaged in sexual activity as instructed by Acoy. After the sexual activity was concluded, the co-defendant gave Acoy cash as payment for the minor performing the sex act.

Judge Lewis also imposed a fine of \$1,000; a special assessment of \$100; and an additional special assessment of \$5,000. The court will schedule a mandatory restitution proceeding at a later date.

This case was investigated by the Virgin Islands Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Everard E. Potter.

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