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Feds Arrest St. Thomas Man For Transporting 5.5 Kilos of Cocaine From Various Locations at Cyril E. King Airport

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ST. THOMAS — U.S. Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert announced that a St. Thomas man was arrested on Saturday in St. Thomas on a criminal charge related to his alleged possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

According to court documents, on Saturday Tyree Morton transported cocaine, weighing approximately 5.5 kilograms, including packaging, from a location within the Cyril E. King Airport to another location within the airport.

Morton is charged with possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine in violation of U.S. law. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 40 years imprisonment. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Homeland Security Investigations is investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Sleeper is prosecuting the case.

This effort is 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>.

A criminal complaint is merely an allegation and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.