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# Former CAHS Coach Facing Life in Prison After Being Charged in Twenty-Count Child Exploitation Indictment

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## Alfredo Bruce Smith

ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Delia L. Smith announced Monday that a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Alfredo Bruce Smith, 51, of St. Thomas, with twenty counts of charges including production of child pornography, coercion and enticement, and transportation of a minor for illegal sexual activity. Smith is also charged with Virgin Islands sexual offenses including aggravated second-degree rape. If convicted, Smith faces a possible sentence of life imprisonment.

According to court documents, Smith worked as a coach and school monitor at Charlotte Amalie High School. In 2021, Homeland Security Investigations began an investigation into Smith's

alleged criminal activities after receiving reports that he sexually assaulted a minor during a school-sponsored track and field trip in March 2019. A subsequent search of Smith's social media and cell phones revealed dozens of images of child pornography, many of which depicted sex acts occurring at Charlotte Amalie High School.

This case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Everard Potter and Natasha L. Baker. Homeland Security Investigations encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-800-981-3030, or by calling 787-729-6969.

United States Attorney Delia L. Smith reminds the public that an Indictment is merely an allegation of criminal conduct, and that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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