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Man From Romania Wanted For Murder Arrested With Six Others For Illegal Entry Into U.S. Through USVI

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A CBP agent monitors the U.S.'s coastal waters. By. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Delia L. Smith announced Tuesday that Clementina Rostas, 21, Argentina Razmies, 22, Ion Razmies, 33, Alexandru Panait, 34, Gheorghe Varga, 32, Hercule Muntean, 35, and Florian Muntean, 20, all of Romania, appeared before Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller for their initial appearance hearing after being apprehended by U.S. Border Patrol agent at the Fredericks Marine Terminal in St. Thomas. They were all charged with illegal entry into the United States.

According to court documents, on December 7, 2022, U.S. Border Patrol agents received a report from the Virgin Islands Police Department that a group of seven individuals was boarding a passenger ferry in Cruz Bay, St. John, headed to St. Thomas. Border Patrol agents later determined that the individuals had illegally entered the United States Virgin Islands after confirming their identities through photographs.

Upon arrival at the Fredericks Terminal, the individuals were taken into custody by Border Patrol agents and charged with unlawful entry. Agents further discovered that Florian Muntean is wanted in Spain based on an outstanding warrant for murder.

This case is being investigated by the United States Border Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations and Customs and Border Protection and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Natasha Baker.

Correction: Dec. 14, 2022 at 9:44 a.m.

A previous version of this story, because of a text error, stated that Florian Muntean and five others were arrested for illegal entry into the U.S. via the USVI. However, it was Florian Muntean and six others. The story has been updated to reflect the correct information.

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