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BVI Man Pleads Guilty Transporting Illegal Alien

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ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Delia L. Smith announced Friday that Samuel Davies of Tortola, BVI, pleaded guilty before United States Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller to bringing an alien to the United States for private financial gain.

According to court documents, on September 7, 2019, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations intercepted a vessel as it approached Coral Bay, St. John, with no navigational lights. Davies, the captain, and a Dominican Republic male were the occupants of the vessel. Neither occupant could produce legal documentation that allow their presence in the United States.

Davies later told the agents that he met a man in Tortola known to him as “San Diego” who asked to take the Dominican National to Jost Van Dyke, BVI, but they accidentally ended up in Coral Bay, according to court documents. The passenger was later deported to the Dominican Republic and Davies will be sentenced by a federal judge at a hearing scheduled by the court.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Investigations and Customs and Border Patrol Air and Marine Operations and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Payne.

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