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Federal Agents Were on Tail of Man Caught With 18 Kilos of Cocaine Whose Vehicle Was Stopped by VIPD

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Mugshot of Calis Sewer. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Delia L. Smith announced today that Calis Sewer of St. John made his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller after being charged with possession with intent to distribute 18 kilograms of cocaine. Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller ordered that Sewer remain in custody pending trial in this matter.

According to court documents, on March 21, 2023, Virgin Islands Police Department officers initiated a traffic stop on a Suzuki Vitara driven by and registered to Sewer.

During the stop, a drug canine alerted to the presence of narcotics in the trunk of Sewer's vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a black duffle bag containing 18 brick-shaped bundles the contents of which tested positive for cocaine.

Prior to the traffic stop, federal agents observed Sewer traveling down the Brown Bay Trail in St. John's heading towards the beach, a location known to law enforcement for narcotics and human smuggling. Approximately 30 minutes later, Sewer was observed traveling up the trail carrying a large black duffle bag. Thereafter, Sewer was observed at his residence in St. John as he transferred the black duffle bag from a Dodge Journey and placed it inside the Suzuki Vitara. Sewer then drove the Vitara from his home and boarded the Car Ferry in St. John. Upon arrival in Red Hook, St. Thomas, VIPD immediately initiated a traffic stop of Sewer's vehicle which led to the discovery of a black duffle bag containing 18 bricks of cocaine.

This case is being investigated jointly by the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Border Patrol, Homeland Security Investigation and Virgin Islands Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Meredith Edwards.