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Convicted Felon Arrested on Fresh Weapons Charges Last Year Sentenced to 12 Months in Federal Court

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ST. CROIX — United States Attorney Delia L. Smith announced Thursday that Moises Figueroa, Jr., age 48, of St. Croix, was sentenced by District Court Judge Wilma A. Lewis to 12 months in prison following his conviction on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Judge Lewis also sentenced Figueroa to two years of supervised release, a fine of \$2,000.00, and a special assessment of \$100.

According to documents before the court, on May 26, 2021, federal law enforcement agents conducted a controlled delivery at the Frederiksted Post Office in St. Croix of two packages containing firearms. Figueroa was arrested after he collected both packages at which time federal agents seized a loaded Taurus semi-automatic pistol from Figueroa's

waistband.

Figueroa was charged with illegally possessing the Taurus semi-automatic pistol knowing that he was convicted of a gun-related felony in 2007.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, the United States Postal Inspection Service, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms investigated the case, and Assistant United States Attorney Daniel H. Huston prosecuted the matter.

The case formed part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, a nationwide effort that brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them.