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Convicted Child Molester Living in St. Croix under an Assumed Name Sentenced in Federal Court to a Mandatory 155 Years in Prison for Molesting Young Boys

United States Attorney Paul A. Murphy, United States Marshal James M. Sullivan, and Virgin Islands Attorney General Vincent F. Frazer, announced today that Senior District Court Judge Raymond L. Finch, on June 29, via an amended judgment sentenced Gary Lee Brown to a mandatory sentence of 155 years in prison for sexually molesting two prepubescent boys left in his care. The 54-year-old Brown, a previously convicted sex offender, who had relocated to St. Croix, was convicted in District Court in April of 2008, following a three-week bench trial of 20 charges including Aggravated Rape 1st and 2nd Degree and Unlawful Sexual Contact 1st and 2nd Degree. The Court also imposed a \$50,000 fine and ordered that the defendant pay restitution to each victim.

Brown initially came to the attention of law enforcement when the U.S. Marshals Service conducted an investigation and

developed information that Brown, a convicted sex offender, was living in St. Croix under an assumed name and had not registered his name on the sexual registry maintained by the Virgin Islands Department of Justice as required by the Adam Walsh Act.

On November 10, 1983, a jury in Bernalillo County, New Mexico convicted Brown of Criminal Sexual Penetration 2nd Degree, Attempt to Commit a Felony; to wit, Murder in the First Degree, Arson, Residential Burglary and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor for which he received a sentence of 27 years in prison. Brown served approximately 18 years of that sentence before being released. Brown moved to North Dakota where he was arrested for failing to register as a convicted sex offender. Brown absconded from North Dakota and began residing on St. Croix soon after his release from prison in 2003.

Brown was arrested in St. Croix on May 31, 2007. At the time of his arrest in St. Croix, Brown was found with a prepubescent boy. A subsequent investigation revealed that Brown had sexually molested the boy and another younger boy left in his care regularly during the course of approximately four years he had been living in St. Croix.

In announcing the sentence, United States Attorney Murphy, United States Marshal Sullivan and Attorney General Frazer praised the investigatory work of Deputy United States Marshal Linda Valerino of the United States Marshals Service and

Detective Leonardo Carrion, Assistant Director of Special Investigations Division of the Virgin Islands Department of Justice. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Denise Hinds.