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### **St. Croix Man Convicted of Carjacking and Related Offenses**

**St. Croix, USVI** - After a four-day trial, a federal jury on St. Croix convicted Raheem Louis, 20, of carjacking, first-degree robbery, unauthorized use of a vehicle, and possession of stolen property, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe and Virgin Islands Acting Police Commissioner Henry W. White, Jr. announced today.

Louis faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the carjacking conviction, 20 years for first-degree robbery, five years for unauthorized use of a vehicle, and 10 years and a \$5,000.00 fine for possession of stolen property.

Evidence presented at trial established that on August 19, 2011, brothers Raheem and Kareem Louis approached the victim after she had just unloaded a donation to the flea market in the Richmond area. One of them pointed a long-barrel gun to the victim's head and demanded the keys to her car. They then sped off in her 2010 blue Jeep Compass.

Evidence presented at trial also established that the two brothers drove the stolen car to their minor siblings' residence and used the vehicle to take their minor siblings to the Catherine's Rest grocery store several times. On their third trip to the store, police apprehended Kareem Louis, while Raheem led the police on a high-speed chase before abandoning the vehicle

in the bushes near the Catherine's Rest and Southshore roads intersection. On September 1, 2011, Raheem Louis was arrested pursuant to a warrant.

A separate trial will be held for Kareem Louis.

U.S. Attorney Sharpe commended the efforts of the Virgin Islands Police Department, which investigated this case. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Rhonda Williams-Henry and Alphonso Andrews.