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Two Former Virgin Islands Police Officials Sentenced to Prison Terms

St. Thomas, USVI - Former Virgin Islands Police Captain Enrique Saldana was sentenced today by District Court Chief Judge Curtis V. Gomez to 41 months in prison, and Sergeant George N. Greene, Jr., was sentenced to 36 months in prison, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced.

Saldana and Greene were convicted after a federal jury trial in January 2010 of participating in an extortion conspiracy. Both were convicted of the federal charges of conspiracy to commit extortion and extortion, and the Virgin Islands charges of conspiratorial extortion, extortion under color of official right, conflict of interest, and solicitation and receipt of a bribe. Saldana was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release. Greene was ordered to serve two years of supervised release and forfeit \$1,000.

“The people of the Virgin Islands, like all of our citizens, deserve to have public servants who act in the public’s interest, not for their own personal financial gain,” U.S. Attorney Sharpe said. “These prosecutions will help the residents of the Virgin Islands feel confident that their police department will always act in their best interest to protect the community.”

According to court records and evidence presented at trial, the defendants’ criminal conduct

began on or about December 4, 2008, when Virgin Islands police officers seized a rental vehicle from the Paul M. Pearson Housing Community on St. Thomas. In addition to seizing the vehicle, the officers confiscated all of its contents, including approximately one kilogram of a substance believed by VIPD officials to be a controlled substance, from the Individual using the vehicle at the time. In the weeks following the seizure, Saldana, Greene and a third co-defendant, a local man named Louis Roldan, Jr., told the Individual that for the payment of \$10,000 cash, the substance believed to be a controlled substance by VIPD would not be turned over to law enforcement, and the Individual would not be reported to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force, or the DEA. On December 23, 2008, the Individual met Roldan and Greene and paid them \$5,000.00 cash. For the payment of the \$5,000 cash, the Individual was assured that the controlled substance seized from the rental vehicle would not be turned over to federal law enforcement authorities.

The case was prosecuted by the Public Corruption Task Force, which comprises the Virgin Islands Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Marshals Service, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Kim R. Lindquist and Nolan D. Paige.

U.S. Attorney Sharpe urges anyone who has information related to public corruption to contact the Public Corruption Task Force at (340) 715-6516.