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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **St. Croix Man Pleads Guilty to Carrying Gun During Drug Crime**

**St. Croix, USVI** - United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced today that on September 9, 2011, Dwayne Dennis pleaded guilty in federal court on St. Croix to carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

According to the plea agreement filed with the court, on December 20, 2010, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents executed a search warrant on Dennis's apartment and found the following:

- i) a quarter kilo of cocaine.
- ii) an AK 7.62 caliber assault rifle, with a loaded magazine and approximately 125 rounds of 7.62 caliber ammunition.
- iii) a Glock Model 23 .40 caliber semiautomatic pistol, loaded with a 13 round magazine.
- iv) a Glock Model 32 .357 caliber semiautomatic pistol, loaded with a 13 round magazine.
- v) a bullet proof vest.
- vi) \$1,110.00 cash

Dennis faces a minimum mandatory sentence of five years in prison, a term of supervised release of not more than five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a \$100 special assessment. Dennis also agreed to forfeit the \$1,100 to the United States of America.

The case was investigated by ICE and the Virgin Islands Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Allan John-Baptiste.