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St. Croix Man Sentenced to Prison on Firearm Charges

St. Croix, USVI - Senior District Court Judge Raymond L. Finch, on June 7, 2012, sentenced Mario Felix, 22, to three years in prison for unauthorized possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe, Virgin Islands Police Commissioner Henry White, and Timothy Williams, Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent-in-Charge. Judge Finch also sentenced Felix to two years in prison for possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, to run concurrently with the three-year term, and three years of supervised release.

On February 17, 2012, Felix pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number and unauthorized possession of a firearm. According to the plea documents filed in court, Felix admitted to ownership of a .40 caliber pistol with an obliterated serial number, which was seized during the execution of a search warrant in Building 31 at the John F. Kennedy Housing Community on February 25, 2011.

The case was investigated by the Virgin Islands Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Alphonso Andrews.