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St. Croix Man Sentenced to 7 Years in Prison for
Use of Firearm During Carjacking

St. Croix, USVI - Senior District Court Judge Raymond L. Finch, on June 7, 2012, sentenced Jared James, 19, to a mandatory seven years in prison for using a firearm during a carjacking, announced United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe, Virgin Islands Police Commissioner Henry White and Joseph S. Campbell, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent-in-Charge. Judge Finch also sentenced James to three years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,800.

On March 1, 2012, James pleaded guilty to using a firearm during a crime of violence. According to the plea documents filed with the court, James used a firearm to steal a car from a female on October 19, 2011 at the Pickled Greek restaurant on St. Croix. Police subsequently found the vehicle near Halfpenny Beach in a damaged condition.

The case was investigated by the Virgin Islands Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rhonda Williams-Henry.