

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** : **CRIMINAL ACTION**  
:  
**v.** : **NO. 3:19-79-7**  
:  
**ARIEL PETERSEN** :

**ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024, following our study of Judge Henderson's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 1145), we adopt Defendant Ariel Petersen's knowing and voluntary guilty plea to Counts 5 and 8 of the Third Superseding Indictment (ECF No. 555) charging him with possessing with conspiracy to transport firearms and possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, without objection due last week, and relying on Judge Henderson's thoughtful assessment Defendant Petersen entered his guilty plea knowingly and voluntarily, it is **ORDERED** we:

1. **APPROVE AND ADOPT** Judge Henderson's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 1145);
2. Accept Defendant Petersen's plea and find him **GUILTY** of Counts 5 and 8 of the Third Superseding Indictment (ECF No. 555); and,
3. Schedule sentencing in a separate Order allowing for a pre-sentence investigation report and briefing.

  
**KEARNEY, J.**