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The proof is similar to the proof of the analogous theorem about the Gaussian copulas.

Hint:

$$X_2|X_1 = x \sim \left(\frac{\nu+1}{\nu+x^2} \right)^{1/2} \frac{X_2 - \rho x}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \sim t_{\nu+1}$$

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See McNeil et al. (2005) for a proof of the three last results.