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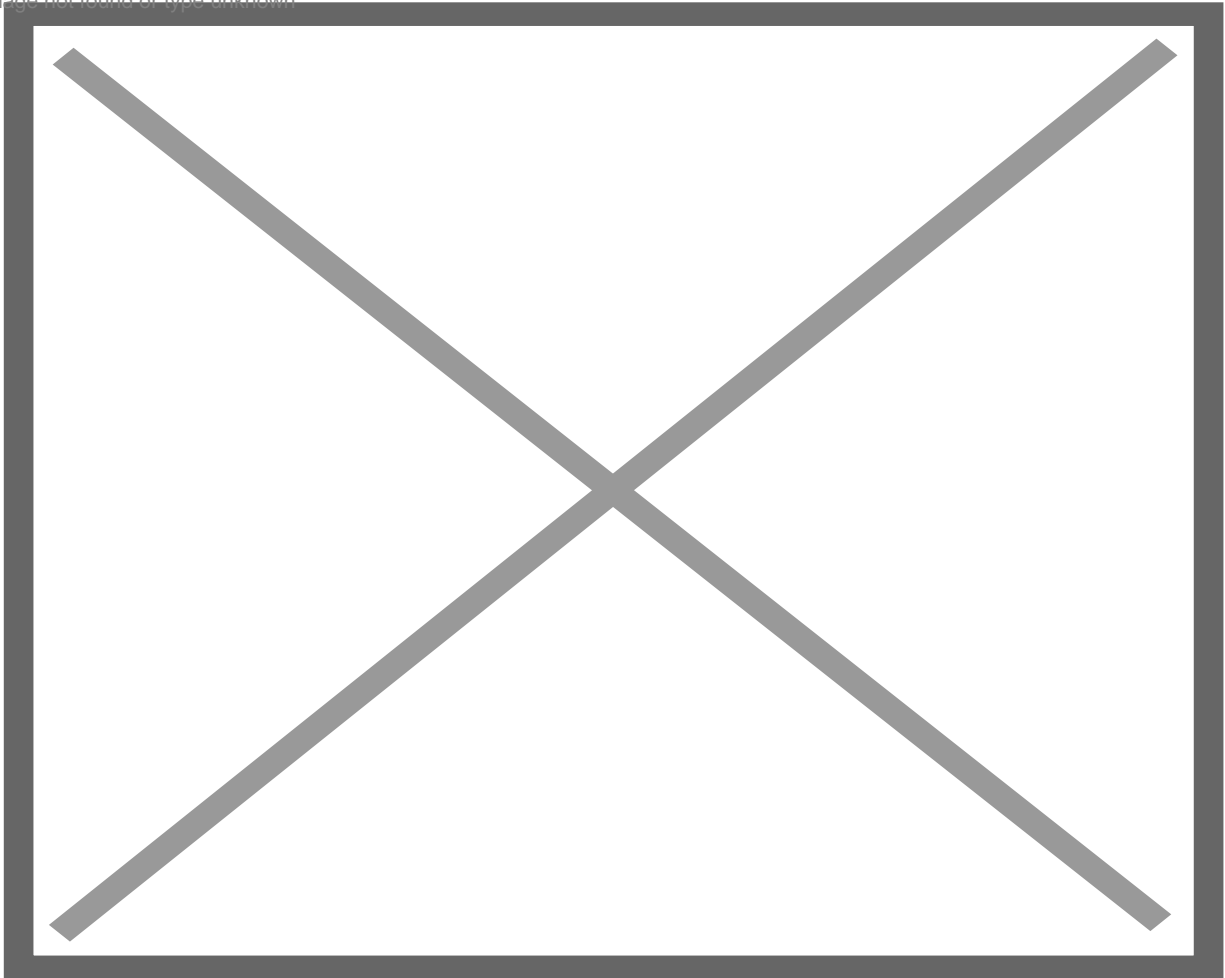
St. Croix Man Arrested for Drug Possession During Property Destruction Investigation

Police find cocaine and marijuana on suspect at Frederiksted Market

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Mugshot of Jahni Hamilton. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — A man was arrested after police say they found drugs in his bag when they were conducting a search in connection with a separate incident.

Last week Saturday at 6:00 a.m., police were dispatched to a residence in Estate Concordia to investigate a report of destruction of property.

Responding officers met a woman who told them that her ex-boyfriend, Jahni Hamilton, had come to her house, opened the security gate and started pounding on the front door. When she refused to

open the door, the woman said Hamilton kicked the door in, came inside her house and pushed her teenage son. The boy reportedly pushed back, and Hamilton then left the residence, walking east along the Queen Mary Highway.

Despite searching the area, police were unable to locate Hamilton. They finally found him on Wednesday at the Frederiksted Vegetable market, where he was arrested and searched for officer's safety.

Police found his bag to contain a small plastic bag containing 7 grams of a substance that returned positive test results for cannabis, 28 vials containing a combined 102.2 grams of a substance that returned positive test results for cannabis, one vial containing 6.3 grams of a substance that tested positive for cocaine, and 7 tablets of what appeared to be the popular antibiotic doxycycline, weighing almost 7 grams.

In a holding cell at the Wilbur Francis Command police station, Hamilton reportedly admitted to kicking down his ex-girlfriend's front door, ostensibly because she would not allow him to retrieve his belongings from the house. He however denied pushing the woman's son.

Hamilton was ultimately charged with simple possession of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute marijuana, both felony charges, as well as simple assault and first-degree burglarybattery, disturbing the peace by fighting, and destruction of property as misdemeanor offenses.

Hamilton's advice of rights hearing was scheduled for Friday, but as of press time we have been unable to ascertain if he did indeed appear before Magistrate Yolan Brow Ross.