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Family Dispute Escalates to Pipe Attack and Strangulation, Leading to Multiple Charges

Teenager Admits to Charging at Father, Sibling Strikes with Pistol During Fight

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From left to right, mugshots of Grenville James, Timmisha Evans and Shamoy James.
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ST. CROIX — A woman who called in an auto collision was herself arrested after police discovered that she reportedly attacked the father of her children.

On Saturday afternoon just before 4:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to a location in Cane Carlton in response to a collision reported by Timmisha Evans. As they approached their destination, however, the officers were flagged down by a man – Grenville James – who was

bleeding from the head.

James told police that he had been jumped by Evans, along with he and Evans's two minor children. The woman hit him on the head with a pipe, the man told officers, while his teenage children kicked him about the body. James said that at one point, his son dragged him out of his vehicle and began strangling him, causing him to briefly lose consciousness.

James told police that the violence occurred after his son indicated that he wanted to collect clothing from his father's house. The man reportedly told the boy that he needed to have the police accompany him, because Evans had filed a restraining order. The boy showed up without authorities, and when James told him his son he needed to call the police, his son reportedly charged at him, with his mother following to begin the assault, according to court documents.

Emergency medical technicians then transported the injured man to hospital, where he received four staples in his head to close a laceration.

While at the Juan F. Louis hospital, the man's teenage son was also brought in, seeking treatment for a laceration to his head, which ultimately needed to be glued shut. Police spoke with the boy, who said that James had locked him, his mother and his sister out of the home on Friday. He admitted that his father requested the presence of the police due to the restraining order his children's mother had put in place, and admitted to going to the house without the police anyway.

The boy admitted charging towards his father, but said that he would not have hit the older man until James kicked him, upon which they began to fight. He told police that Ms. Evans joined in the fight, and once the brawl had subsided, his father got into his truck and willfully rammed into his mother's car while his two younger sisters, one only 3 years old, were in the vehicle. That is when the boy said he dragged his father out of the truck and held him down, to avoid further violence. However, the teenage boy told police that his older brother, Shamoy James, showed up, hit him in the face with a black pistol, and then drove off with their father.

Police then went to question Ms. Evans, who corroborated much of the story told by her son and her children's father. She and the children had been locked out from their Cane Carlton home, and they returned to retrieve clothing without the assistance of the police. She told officers that she had been ordered to remove all of her and the children's belongings, but could not do so because she did not have a sufficiently large vehicle. An argument began between the adults, Ms. Evans said, and the fight started after Mr. James struck her in the face. She agreed with her son that Mr. James collided with her vehicle willfully, and that her son had to drag him out of the truck to prevent further escalation. She also told police that Shamoy James had struck his brother in the head with a handgun, yelling that his firearm was licensed.

Police tracked down and detained the Shamoy James, who told them that he went to the house after receiving a phone call from someone informing him that his father was being jumped. When he arrived at the Estate Carlton home, he reportedly saw his father on the ground covered in blood, and his brother holding their parent in a chokehold. His sister stood nearby holding a machete, and Ms. Evans held a pipe in her hands. That is when he decided to remove his licensed firearm from his waist, but he told police that he kept it holstered. He hit his younger brother with his hand while holding the weapon, not with the gun itself, the man told officers.

Ultimately, police arrested Timmisha Evans, charging her with third-degree assault as a crime of domestic violence, possession of a dangerous weapon during a crime of violence, and disturbance of the peace by fighting. Grenville James was also arrested, charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and destruction of property as an act of domestic violence. Shamoy James,

meanwhile, was charged with third-degree assault as an act of domestic violence, carrying or using a dangerous weapon during a crime of violence, and brandishing, exhibiting or using deadly weapons.

All three appeared before Magistrate Ernest Morris Jr., who found probable cause to uphold charges against all three. While full details of the pre-trial release order have not yet been made available to the public, the cash component of each defendant's bail assessment stood as follows: \$1500 for Timmisha Evans, \$100 for Grenville James, and \$500 for Shamoy James.

The next court appearance for the trio is scheduled for November 15.

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