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# VIPD Launches Manhunt for Arnold Malone Following Shooting Incident with Officers

## Urgent search in St. Thomas after traffic stop turns violent

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**Mugshot of Arnold Malone. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

ST. THOMAS — The V.I. Police Department has issued a community alert as it intensifies the search for 48-year-old Arnold Malone. Malone, who is [no stranger](#) to [the law](#), is accused of discharging shots at police officers during a recent traffic stop in the Altona area.

According to the VIPD, the alarming incident occurred around 2:45 p.m. Friday when Malone reportedly engaged in a confrontation with police officers during a routine traffic stop on Veterans Drive. According to the report, the situation rapidly escalated when Malone fired shots at the officers before fleeing the scene. The suspect then abandoned his vehicle at a different location

and continued his escape on foot.

Malone, currently sought by VIPD, is described as a black male, approximately 5'4" in height, and weighing around 175 lbs. The VIPD has classified Malone as armed and dangerous, urging the public to exercise caution.

The VIPD strongly advises anyone who comes into contact with or has seen Malone to immediately contact law enforcement. Citizens can reach out to 911, the CIB/Major Crime unit at (340) 642-8449, or anonymously report to Crime Stoppers VI at 1(800) 222-8477 (TIPS), or online [here](#).

All units are actively responding to this case, which remains active and under investigation. The VIPD said it is committed to ensuring public safety and apprehending the suspect as swiftly as possible.

This incident marks a significant and dangerous confrontation involving law enforcement, highlighting the risks faced by officers in the line of duty.