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Routine Traffic Check Leads to Firearm and Drug Bust in St. Croix

William Libert, 34, was detained for carrying concealed weapons and possession of drugs after failing to display a license plate

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Mugshot of William Libert. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — A routine traffic stop led to a significant arrest on the night of May 4 as local law enforcement detained 34-year-old William Libert for multiple offenses, including carrying and possession of unauthorized firearms and drugs. The incident took place around 10:40 p.m. near Sam's Gas Station in Glynn, St. Croix.

Officers from the V.I. Police Department were conducting Operation Vigilance when they noticed a white Toyota Echo traveling without a rear license plate. Upon initiating a traffic stop, the

driver, identified as Libert, pulled into the service station. It was during this stop that officers spotted the handle of a firearm protruding from beneath the driver's seat as Libert exited his vehicle.

A thorough search of the vehicle unveiled a backpack under the seat containing ammunition and marijuana pre-packaged for sale, alongside a significant amount of cash in both the backpack and the vehicle's glove compartment.

Libert was arrested on the spot and charged with multiple felonies, including carrying of firearms openly or concealed, possession of an unauthorized firearm in a vehicle, evidence of intent to commit a crime of violence, possession or sale of ammunition, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

Set by the presiding magistrate, Libert's bail was established at \$50,000. Unable to post bond, he was remanded to the John Bell Correctional Facility. He is scheduled for an advised of right hearing on Monday, May 6.