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Man Arrested for Lewd Acts on St. Thomas Safari Ride

51-year-old Coulav Swan arrested after confessing to several allegations, as four female witnesses report unwanted advances and lewd behavior on safari ride

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Mugshot of Coulav Swan By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — The V.I. Police Department has reported the arrest of Coulav Swan, 51, following allegations of unwanted advances towards female passengers on a Safari ride. The incident took place on Monday, May 27, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

According to the VIPD, four female victims reported the incident to the police. The first complainant described encountering a tall black male wearing a black shirt and jeans as

she was boarding the Safari. According to her statement, the man, later identified as Swan, sat up partially and thrust himself towards her as she passed to take her seat. Once seated, the male's behavior escalated as he began rubbing her thigh repeatedly and attempted to place his arm around her shoulder. Several passengers on the Safari witnessed the suspect's lewd behavior.

Following an investigation, Swan was identified as the suspect. On Tuesday, May 28, at approximately 1:24 p.m., Swan was brought to the Criminal Investigations Bureau. Upon arrival, he was read his constitutional rights and consented to an interview, during which he admitted to several of the allegations from the incident. Consequently, Swan was arrested and charged with unlawful sexual contact and obscene and indecent exposure. He was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections with bail set at \$35,000.

The case is currently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. The VIPD urges anyone with information regarding this crime to contact 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Detective S. Donastorg at 340-774-2211 ext. 5575, or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1-800-222-TIPS.