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# Dramatic Escape Attempt in St. Thomas Leads to Multiple Felony Charges

**Te'Quori Lans's attempt to evade police during a routine stop results in a dangerous chase and a series of legal repercussions**

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**Mugshot of Te'Quori Lans. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

ST. THOMAS — On Saturday night in St. Thomas, while police were managing traffic during the Jah Love Concert at Pier 22 in Havensight, a routine traffic stop escalated into a significant incident for Te'Quori Lans.

Lans, driving a green Honda Civic, approached the West Indian Company main gate slowly and hesitated multiple times before entering the crossing, drawing police attention due to his unusual behavior.

According to court documents, upon stopping the vehicle due to its excessively tinted windshield, Lans displayed further suspicious behavior by refusing to provide necessary vehicle documents and exhibiting signs of distress, including sweating, shaking, and mumbling unintelligibly. His situation escalated when he reached for a fanny pack, shouting about the lack of probable cause for the stop, which led an officer to attempt to use a taser on him unsuccessfully.

Lans then accelerated, striking a marked police vehicle and fleeing the scene. He was pursued by police and eventually apprehended on the access road to Red Hook Plaza after nearly hitting several pedestrians and violating numerous traffic laws, including running red lights and swerving into oncoming traffic.

After his capture, Lans was first taken to Schneider Regional Medical Center for medical attention, then to the Richard Callwood Command for processing. A search of his vehicle uncovered an extended magazine with 21 .45 caliber rounds, violating the conditions of his probation, which prohibits him from possessing such ammunition, according to court documents.

Previously in December 2023, Lans pleaded guilty to a firearms charge and received a suspended sentence with supervised probation, stipulating that any violation would lead to incarceration. The discovery of the ammunition and his actions during the traffic stop have led to multiple charges against him, including possession of illegal ammunition, disobeying a lawful order, interfering with an officer, third-degree assault, reckless driving, negligent driving, and leaving the scene of an accident.

In court on Monday, Magistrate Paula Norkaitis found probable cause to uphold all charges and set Lans' bail at \$30,000. If he posts bail, Lans must comply with several conditions, including bi-weekly probation check-ins by phone, maintaining employment, and adhering to a curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. He is also prohibited from using alcohol or controlled substances and possessing any weapons while the case is pending.

His next court appearance is scheduled for August 2.