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Minor Detained, Adult Arrested for Stealing Car; Armed Robbery Reported on Backstreet in St. Thomas

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Carl Previus By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — Police on Sunday detained a minor and arrested a man for stealing a car at the American Yacht Harbor. Separately, on Monday at about 12:18 a.m., a couple was robbed at gunpoint at a bar in Charlotte Amalie, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima has announced.

Grand Theft Auto Incident

According to police, on Sunday at approximately 11:00 p.m., police arrested Carl Previus, age 19 of Estate Nadir, and charged him with unauthorized use of a vehicle, grand larceny and damage to property.

Police say the owner of the stolen vehicle reported that he parked his vehicle in the American Yacht Harbor parking garage and left the keyless remote inside of the vehicle which prevents the vehicle from locking. He returned to the area where he parked the vehicle to find that it was stolen.

A V.I.P.D. investigation revealed that Previus and a 17-year-old male minor were loitering in the parking garage around the same time. Police located Previus and the minor driving the vehicle a few hours later in the vicinity of the Sugar Bay Hotel. The owner of the vehicle stated that he did not know the individuals who were in the car, nor he did not give them permission to drive his vehicle.

Previus was arrested, and the minor was taken into protective custody and turned over to the V.I.P.D.'s Youth Investigation Bureau.

Unable to make bail of \$25,000, Previus was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his advisement hearing, while the minor was taken to the Youth Rehabilitation Center.

Armed Robbery on Backstreet, St. Thomas

On Monday at around 12:18 a.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center was notified of a robbery that occurred outside the Bliss Bar on Back Street, Charlotte Amalie.

According to police, the female victim reported to police that she and a male friend were standing outside the establishment when a vehicle pulled up to them. According to the victim, two black males wearing masks and armed with guns exited the vehicle and robbed them of jewelry and a mobile phone. The male victim suffered a minor injury when one of the suspects pressed his firearm against his head, causing a small contusion.

Police say the case is under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information about this incident to call 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 774-2211, or contact Crime Stoppers USVI with an anonymous tip [here](#).