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VIPD Nabs Suspects in Gallows Bay Shooting, Seizes Illegal Ghost Guns

Two men charged with reckless endangerment and firearm possession following a late-night shooting in Christiansted

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From left to right, mugshots of Ramon Mateo III and Califf J. Cassius. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The V.I. Police Department has arrested two men following a shooting incident in Christiansted on Sunday. The incident, which occurred at approximately 9:03 p.m., involved multiple shots being fired in the Gallows Bay area, prompting a rapid response from local law enforcement.

According to reports, a VIPD detective heard the shots and observed a blue 4-door Toyota Corolla exiting Green Street with two males inside, both wearing face coverings. Detectives pursued the

vehicle and successfully conducted a traffic stop on Northside Road.

Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver, identified as 27-year-old Ramon Mateo III, exited and loudly stated, "I don't consent to have my vehicle searched." Despite this, detectives obtained a telephonic search warrant, allowing them to legally search the vehicle. Inside, they found two firearms: a Glock-type ghost pistol firearm 9mm with a tan extended 31-capacity magazine containing twenty-three 9mm rounds, and an AR-type ghost gun with a black extended magazine loaded with seven live .223 rounds. Both firearms were found with a round in the chamber.

Additionally, the scene on Green Street was processed, revealing multiple spent casings from .223 and 9mm rounds.

Both Mateo and the passenger, identified as 20-year-old Califf J. Cassius, were detained and taken to the station. After being advised of their rights, both men declined to provide a statement. They were subsequently charged with reckless endangerment, possession of an unlicensed firearm, and carrying or using an unlicensed firearm during a crime of violence.

Unable to post their \$100,000 bail, both men were booked and transported to the John Bell Correctional Facility, where they await their Advice of Rights Hearing.