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50-Year-Old Man Arrested For Allegedly Striking Victim With Mahogany Wood Unprovoked

Akebo Thomas faces multiple charges, including third-degree assault, following a violent confrontation in St. Thomas

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Mugshot of Akebo Thomas. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — Authorities have arrested 50-year-old Akebo Thomas on charges of third-degree assault, simple assault, and disturbance of the peace. The incident, which occurred on April 24, 2024, at Paul M. Pearson Garden in St. Thomas, was reported by the male victim.

According to the V.I. Police Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau, the victim was in the area when a male individual approached him, asking if he had issues with anyone around. At this point, Thomas allegedly interrupted and accused the victim of frequently passing by and watching

him. The victim denied the accusations, stating he was unaware of what Thomas was referring to.

According to the VIPD, the situation escalated when Thomas threatened to slap the victim the "next time" he looked at him. The victim left the area in a golf cart, but Thomas and the other male reportedly followed him on foot. Thomas then picked up a piece of mahogany wood and began striking the victim repeatedly, inflicting injuries.

The assault prompted law enforcement to take action, and on September 12, 2024, Thomas surrendered himself to CIB detectives after being informed that he was wanted in connection with the incident. He was subsequently arrested at 5:00 a.m. and charged with third-degree assault, simple assault, and disturbance of the peace.

Following his arrest, Thomas was turned over to the Bureau of Corrections and is currently awaiting further court proceedings. His bail has been set at \$25,000.

The CIB has urged anyone with information about this incident to come forward. Residents can contact 911 or reach out directly to Detective Y. LoBlack at (340) 774-2211 ext. 5577. Additionally, tips can be submitted anonymously via Crime Stoppers USVI by calling (800) 222-TIPS or visiting crimestoppersvi.org or P3Tips.com.