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St. Croix Woman Accused of Stealing \$226,000 From Deceased Man's Estate

Shantenysa Victor, accused of transferring estate funds to pay bills and credit card balances; faces charges of larceny, embezzlement, and fraud

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Mugshot of Shantenysa Victor. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX -- The V.I. Police Department has reported the arrest of a 31-year-old woman, Shantenysa Victor, in connection with an extensive grand larceny and fraud investigation involving over \$226,000 in stolen funds.

According to the police report, the case stems from a complaint filed by the executor of a deceased man's estate. On June 27, 2024, the VIPD Economic Crimes Unit initiated an

investigation that revealed Victor had allegedly accessed the deceased's First Bank accounts without authorization. Using his account information, Victor is accused of transferring \$226,704.68 to pay her personal expenses, including a Discover credit card, an AT&T Mobility account, a Banco Popular JetBlue Mastercard, and her personal Banco Popular checking account. These transactions were reportedly conducted via online banking and external transfers.

An arrest warrant for Victor was issued following the investigation. On Thursday, detectives from the Economic Crimes Unit arrested Victor at the Department of Human Services in Mars Hill. After being advised of her rights, she was transported to the Wilbur H. Francis Command Police Operation building, where she was booked without incident.

Victor faces multiple charges, including grand larceny, embezzlement by fiduciaries, obtaining money by false pretense, participating in fraud on creditors, and access to computer for fraudulent purposes.

Victor's bail was initially set at \$35,000. However, Magistrate Judge Venetia Velazquez granted her permission to post 10% of the amount. Victor posted \$3,500 and was released pending her Advice of Rights hearing, scheduled for Friday, January 17, at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.