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18-Year-Old Who Opened Fire on Police Officer After KFC Robbery Attempt Turns Himself In

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Wayne Burke By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — An 18-year-old man who fired gunshots at a police officer during a pursuit following [an attempted robbery of KFC in Sunny Isle](#) in January, has turned himself in, according to V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima.

Wayne Burke was charged with first-degree attempted robbery, first-degree assault, first-degree reckless endangerment, second-degree attempted robbery, unauthorized possession of a firearm and possession of ammunition.

The charges stem from an incident on January 7 where Burke and an associate attempted to rob the KFC restaurant in the Sunny Isle Shopping Center. When a police officer attempted to apprehend the two men, Burke fired shots at the officer and fled the scene, Mr. Derima said.

Mr. Burke made bail of \$500,000 and was slated for release to the custody of a third-party custodian, according to police.

St. Croix Chief of Police Sidney Elskoe thanked the community and commended detectives for working together to close this case. "Our detectives worked hard to make this arrest. We would like to thank those who assisted us with information to make this happen," said Chief Elskoe.