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Former Bank Teller Accused of Defrauding 90-Year-Old Out of \$100K, Arrested on Multiple Charges

Detectives say 29-year-old Jahmaira Farrell, once a teller at Oriental Bank and now a USPS clerk, created fake documents to withdraw \$100,000 from a 90-year-old man's account—using the funds to buy a 2022 Acura MDX and deposit thousands into her own bank.

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Mugshot of Jahmaira Farrell. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. CROIX — A former bank teller, who now works as a clerk at the Frederiksted Post Office, has been accused of orchestrating a sophisticated financial scheme that defrauded a 90-year-old man out of \$100,000. She was arrested on Monday and charged with a range of financial crimes, the V.I. Police Department has confirmed. according to the Virgin Islands Police Department's

Economic Crimes Unit.

The department's Economic Crimes Unit started an investigation on January 29, 2025, after the elderly victim filed a complaint alleging that funds had been fraudulently withdrawn from his account. Detectives later uncovered that 29-year-old Jahmaira Farrell, then employed as a teller at Oriental Bank, had allegedly exploited her position to access the victim's account without authorization. Farrell is accused of creating falsified documents that facilitated the issuance of a manager's check in the amount of \$100,000, which was made payable to an accomplice.

According to investigators, the accomplice deposited the manager's check into his Banco Popular de Puerto Rico account. He then wired \$60,386.49 to Metro Motors Management Incorporation in Florida to purchase a 2022 blue Acura MDX. The vehicle is owned by Farrell. The accomplice is also alleged to have given Farrell a \$30,000 check, which she deposited into her personal account at the Bank of St. Croix. The remaining \$9,613.51 was reportedly spent by the accomplice using his Banco Popular account.

During the investigation, authorities discovered additional fraudulent checks tied to the victim's account, but those transactions fell outside the statute of limitations and could not be pursued, according to the VIPD.

Following the conclusion of the investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for Farrell. On June 9, detectives from the Economic Crimes Unit located Farrell at the U.S. Postal Service facility in Mars Hill, Frederiksted. She was advised of her rights, served with the arrest warrant, and taken into custody without incident. Farrell was then transported to the Wilbur H. Francis Command Police Operation building, where she was booked and formally charged.

Charges filed against her include obtaining money by false pretense, forgery, uttering or passing forged or counterfeited matters, passing or possession of forged bills or notes, embezzlement by fiduciaries, grand larceny, aggravated identity theft, participating in fraud on creditors, access to computer for fraudulent purposes, financial exploitation of an elderly or dependent adult, and conspiracy.

Bail was set at \$35,000. Farrell was unable to post bail and was subsequently remanded to the John A. Bell Adult Correctional Facility. She is scheduled to appear for her Advice of Rights Hearing on Tuesday, June 10, at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands on St. Croix.