

St. Thomas Man Charged After Being Identified as Gaso Hill Home Intruder

Sharkiel Weekes has been charged with burglary and grand larceny after residents of a Gaso Hill home identified him as the man who broke in and stole \$6,000 and electronics. He was arrested in Bovoni on August 5 after attempting to flee from police.

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Mugshot of Sharkiel Weekes. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. THOMAS — A St. Thomas man is facing multiple charges after residents identified him as the individual who broke into their Gaso Hill home last month.

According to court documents, police were dispatched to the residence on July 18 following a report of a burglary. At the scene, officers met with a woman who said she and her children had

been asleep when, around 11 p.m., her boyfriend called her name and warned that someone was inside the house.

She stepped out of her bedroom and saw a man fleeing the residence.

The boyfriend told police that he had just arrived home from work when he noticed the front door closing. Upon entering the house, he said he saw a man stuffing items into his pocket. He immediately called out to alert his girlfriend, prompting the intruder to run.

The couple reported that the individual was Sharkiel Weekes, someone they were familiar with due to prior disturbances in the neighborhood. They told officers that Weekes had stolen \$6,000 in cash, a mobile phone, and a tablet.

On August 5, police located Weekes at the Bovoni housing community and arrested him, despite an attempt to escape.

He has been charged with second-degree burglary, third-degree burglary, grand larceny, and interfering with an officer.

Weekes appeared before Magistrate Judge Simone VanHolten-Turnbull on Wednesday. The judge found probable cause to uphold all charges and set bail at \$20,000, with the option for Weekes to post 10 percent in cash to secure his release.

If released, Weekes must report to the probation office twice a week and stay at least 50 feet away from the victims. He is also prohibited from consuming alcohol or controlled substances and from possessing firearms, ammunition, or any dangerous weapon.

His next court appearance is scheduled for August 22.