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Woman Arrested for DUI After Colliding With Police Unit on St. Croix Bypass

Police say Sarah Vasquez was arrested after colliding with a police unit on the Aloy “Wenty” Nielsen Bypass. She failed three sobriety tests, was charged with DUI and negligent driving, and surrendered her license in lieu of \$1,005 bail.

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Mugshot of Sarah Vasquez. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. CROIX — A late-night auto collision involving a civilian driver and a police unit on the Christiansted Bypass has led to the arrest of Sarah Vasquez on charges of driving under the influence and negligent driving.

According to police, the crash occurred at approximately 8:53 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, when the 911 Emergency Call Center was notified by radio of the collision involving officers.

Investigators said the police unit had been traveling north and had come to a complete stop on the bypass. Vasquez, traveling westbound, attempted to turn left onto the bypass and struck the police vehicle in its lane. Both vehicles sustained damage from the impact.

An officer from the Traffic Investigation Bureau responded to the scene and made contact with Vasquez. Police reported detecting “a strong odor of alcoholic beverage on her breath and on her person.”

Traffic officers administered the three Standardized Field Sobriety Tests: the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, the Walk and Turn Test, and the One Leg Stand Test. Vasquez failed all three, according to the report. She was then placed under arrest, processed, advised of her Miranda rights, and booked.

Her bail was set at \$1,005.00 as per chart guidelines. In lieu of posting bail, Vasquez surrendered her Virgin Islands driver’s license.

She faces charges of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and negligent driving.