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Tipster Points Out Vehicle From Which Shots Were Being Fired, Leading to Arrest of Offender

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Larry Cuencas, Jr. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — V.I.P.D. Officers on Tuesday night arrested a man on unauthorized possession of a firearm and possession or sale of ammunition charges, after an anonymous source pointed out the vehicle from which gunshots were being discharged.

According to V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima, on Tuesday at approximately 9:57 p.m., police arrested Larry Cuencas, Jr., age 34 of Prince Street, Frederiksted on the aforementioned charges.

Officers responded to a 911 Emergency Call Center to investigate shots fired in the vicinity of the Fritz Lawaetz Lagoon Street Homes, Mr. Derima said. An anonymous tipster then pointed out to police the vehicle from which the shots were fired. Officers made contact the driver and vehicle, and recovered an unlicensed firearm and ammunition.

The V.I.P.D. said Virgin Islands residents across the territory have been complaining to Commissioner Trevor A. Velinor about the discharge of firearms in their neighborhoods. Technology such as closed-circuit cameras, ShotSpotter, and other improved ballistic measures to combat this practice, needed community intervention.

Unable to make bail of \$25,000, Cuencas was remanded to the Golden Grove Detention Center pending his advisement hearing.