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## **VIDE Asst. Principal Clifton Boyd Arrested After Multi-Agency Probe Into Sexual Assault of Former Gomez Elementary Student**

**VIPD arrested 73-year-old Clifton D. Boyd on a warrant issued Nov. 19 for allegedly assaulting a male student multiple times during the 2019–2020 school year. He faces rape, unlawful sexual contact, and child-abuse charges and is held on \$500,000 bail.**

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**Mugshot of Clifton D. Boyd. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**ST. THOMAS** — Longtime Department of Education administrator Clifton D. Boyd, 73, who most recently served as an assistant principal, has been arrested and charged with multiple felony sexual offenses after an investigation into allegations that he repeatedly sexually assaulted a male

student during the 2019–2020 school year at Joseph A. Gomez Elementary School. According to police, Boyd was taken into custody at 10:15 a.m. Friday, and is being held on \$500,000 bail.

The arrest followed a warrant issued on November 19, 2025, after VIPD investigators received a detailed report from the victim earlier this year. According to the VIPD’s synopsis, the child first disclosed the abuse on August 22, 2025, telling a school nurse that Boyd, then the assistant principal, removed him from class and brought him to his office, where he was “forced to perform sexual activities.” The victim stated that the abuse took place “multiple times” during the 2019–2020 school year and stopped only when he left Gomez Elementary.

Police Commissioner Mario Brooks confirmed the arrest in an interview Friday, describing the case as the product of an intensive collaboration between the VIPD, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Education. “We were working alongside the Department of Justice and Department Education to basically uncover the full scope of what Mr. Boyd has been involved in,” Brooks said. “So he’s been arrested. He’s in custody at this time.”

Boyd is charged with first-degree aggravated, second-degree aggravated rape, first-degree unlawful sexual contact, aggravated child abuse, and child abuse, all tied to the alleged assault of the minor at Gomez Elementary. He was booked and processed, then turned over to the Bureau of Corrections pending an Advice of Rights hearing scheduled for Monday, November 24.

Friday’s arrest follows [earlier Consortium reporting](#) from September 7, 2025, which revealed that Boyd had been under investigation for sexually assaulting a male Gomez student years before. According to sources, the victim—now a high school student but still a minor—later provided additional details that prompted authorities to reopen the case. The September reporting also noted that Boyd had previously been suspended for alleged sexual harassment of a male educator, but reinstated after a Division of Personnel investigation found no wrongdoing.

Following the renewed allegations, the Department of Education acknowledged that an internal review was underway and announced that “personnel changes have been made to support the integrity of operations.” Education Commissioner Dion Wells-Hedrington later issued a statement saying the department was “fully cooperating with the relevant authorities to ensure a comprehensive and impartial investigation,” adding that it must “honor the privacy rights of those involved and protect the integrity of the ongoing review.”

During Friday’s interview, Brooks spoke bluntly about the severity of the allegations and the responsibility to safeguard children. “This type of conduct that Mr. Boyd is pushing forward doing is unacceptable,” he said. “Our children, they’re not to be touched. You cannot take advantage of them and expect to walk amongst regular, law-abiding citizens with impunity.”

The commissioner continued, “VIPD, once we become knowledgeable...we will find you, we will arrest you, and we’ll do our best to make sure you live all the remainder your days behind bars. People like Mr. Boyd using our educational system and other areas to get closer with children, to violate them, they have no place amongst us.”

He described offenders in such cases as “trained criminals” and said VIPD treats them accordingly.

The investigation is ongoing and is now being handled by VIPD’s Domestic Violence & Special Victims Unit. Anyone with information is urged to contact 911, the Domestic Violence Unit at 340-715-5534, or the Office of the Police Chief.

