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St. Croix Man Charged After Allegedly Using Forged Documents to Register Vehicles

An Economic Crimes Unit investigation found that Jimmar A. Payne used forged Road Tax documents at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to register multiple vehicles, leading to his arrest and a series of fraud-related charges.

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Mugshot of Jimmar A. Payne. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. CROIX — A St. Croix man is facing multiple criminal charges following an investigation that determined he allegedly created and used forged government documents to improperly register vehicles, according to the V.I. Police Department.

Detectives with the VIPD Economic Crimes Unit initiated an investigation on March 25, 2025 into Jimmar A. Payne, after determining that he knowingly created several forged or fraudulent Road Tax documents. Police said the documents contained a forged or falsified signature belonging to a retired employee of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

According to investigators, the fraudulent Road Tax documents were presented at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and were used to register at least nine vehicles, resulting in a financial loss to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The investigation culminated on December 17, 2025, when Payne, 32, appeared at approximately 11:11 a.m. at the Wilbur H. Francis Command Police Operating building accompanied by his attorney. Police said Payne turned himself in to detectives from the Economic Crimes Unit, where he was served with an arrest warrant and taken into custody without incident.

Following his arrest, Payne was booked and charged with forgery, passing or possession of forged bills or notes, filing or recording forged instruments, participating on frauds on creditors, fraudulent claims upon the government, and access to computer for fraudulent purposes.

Bail was set at \$5,500, which Payne posted. He was subsequently released pending his Advice of Rights hearing, police said.