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Man Arrested After Woman Reports Being Stabbed During Gas Station Dispute in Christiansted

Police say a woman hid inside a portable toilet before reporting that her boyfriend stabbed her during an argument at a Christiansted gas station, with the suspect allegedly admitting to the assault and being taken into custody on felony charges.

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Mugshot of Miguel Cotto. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. CROIX — Police arrested a man Friday night on multiple felony charges after a woman told officers she had been stabbed during an argument at a Christiansted gas station and the suspect reportedly admitted to the assault.

According to police, officers were dispatched to a gas station in Christiansted, where they located a woman who had concealed herself inside a portable toilet. After officers identified themselves, the visibly distressed woman emerged and reported that her boyfriend, Miguel Cotto, had stabbed her in the leg.

The woman told police that she had been arguing with Cotto and another man inside the gas station when Cotto allegedly placed a sharp object against her neck and led her outside. The argument continued outside the building, where she said Cotto stabbed her in the right calf.

Police reported that Cotto admitted to stabbing the woman and told officers he had already discarded the blade used in the incident.

Despite the alleged victim's objections, police arrested Cotto and charged him with third-degree assault and simple assault and battery, both classified as crimes of domestic violence. He was also charged with possession of a dangerous weapon during a crime of violence and disturbance of the peace.

Cotto was remanded into custody pending his initial court appearance.