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Hospital Ground Man Arrested by VIPD on Firearms Charges Now Face Federal Charges

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Kenan Thomas By. VIPD

ST. THOMAS — United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert for the District of the Virgin Islands announced today that a complaint has been filed charging Kenan Thomas with felon in possession of a firearm.

According to the affidavit filed in this case, on April 8 Thomas fled upon seeing officers investigating multiple shootings in the Hospital Ground area of St. Thomas. Thomas allegedly hid the black bags he had been carrying in a nearby residence, and those bags contained four different weapons, as well as ammunition.

According to court documents, [Thomas allegedly possessed](#) an AK-type 7.62mm pistol with an obliterated serial number; an AR-type pistol caliber .223/5.56; a Glock .45 caliber handgun and a Glock 10mm. Thomas also allegedly possessed multiple magazines found with various ammunition. Thomas is prohibited from carrying firearms, as he was previously convicted of multiple felonies in Georgia.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and the Virgin Islands Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Kyle Payne and Nathan Brooks.

A complaint is merely a charging document, and it is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.