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Community Tip Leads to Arrest of Man in Possession of Unlicensed Firearm

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Jonathan Scribner By. VIPD

ST. CROIX - A tip provided to law enforcement on Thursday led to the arrest of a man who was in possession of an unlicensed firearm, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima has announced.

On Thursday at approximately 11:30 p.m., police arrested Jonathan Scribner, age 35 of Sprat Hall, and charged him with possession of an unlicensed firearm.

According to Mr. Derima, officers received a tip from a concerned citizen that a firearm was observed inside of Scribner's vehicle. The vehicle was spotted on Queen Mary Highway and was pulled over in William's Delight. The firearm was found, and Scribner was placed under arrest.

Unable to post bail of \$50,000, Scribner was remanded to the Golden Grove Detention Center pending his advisement hearing.

St. Croix District Chief of Police Sidney Elskoe commended detectives of the Criminal Investigation Bureau and officers of the Special Operations Bureau for their work in taking another firearm off the street. "We would also like to thank the concerned citizen who saw something and said something to us," Chief Elskoe said. He said the VIPD and the community working together can reduce crime across the island.