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Arrest Made In Frenchtown Rape, Suspect Held On \$150,000 Bail

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Lloyd S. Wilkinson, 53, was arrested on Feb. 12 on St. Thomas, and charged with first degree rape and first degree assault in connection with a rape that occurred in Frenchtown on the morning of Feb 11.

The arrest announcement was recently made by Kevin Jackson, VIPD public information officer.

The victim, whose name is being withheld, positively identified Wilkinson as the man who raped her.

Wilkinson declined to give a statement at the time of his arrest. He was unable to post bail of \$150,000 by order of the court and was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his advise of rights hearing.

Officers were called to the Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center at 7 a.m. on Feb. 11 on a report of a victim of rape being treated.

According to the victim, she had been walking on the roadway behind a bar-restaurant in Frenchtown at around 5:40 in the morning when she was approached by a black male with dreadlocks who asked to borrow a cigarette lighter.

The victim complied and the suspect returned the lighter, but then forcibly grabbed the victim in a chokehold, dragging her into the nearby bushes and raping her. The suspect ran off in the direction of the Oceana Restaurant, as the victim made her way toward the Frenchtown Fish Market in search of help.