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VIPD Offensive Continues: Another Young Man Arrested On Gun Possession Charge

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ST. CROIX -- The Virgin Islands Police Department is continuing its stepped up efforts against crime in the territory following last weekend's rash of criminal activity here, and has announced the arrest of yet another young man, 23-year-old Anthony Hazelwood of Clifton Hill.

According to the report, made available by VIPD's Public Information Officer Kevin Jackson on Sunday, Hazelwood was arrested around 12:36 a.m. and was charged with unauthorized weapon possession, after the young man confessed to police that he was the owner of a gun and ammunition, located underneath the seat that he was occupying.

Unable to make bail of \$25,000. Hazelwood was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections



Anthony Hazelwood.

At a press conference organized to make known steps that the VIPD has taken to fight the upswing of criminal activity in the territory, Police Commissioner Delroy Richards, with Police Chief Arthur Hector, Sr., at his side, revealed last Wednesday that the force had confiscated 45 illegal guns territory-wide since January.

“We have aggressively, with the resources that we have, confront, we have targeted — we have arrested as much as we possibly can,” Richards said. With guns on display on a table as proof of the VIPD’s efforts, the commissioner said “these weapons that you see on the table are weapons that have been confiscated from January to now.”

Richards said the VIPD has been successful in its efforts to “identify possible persons of interest on a number of high profile cases, and we have begun to utilize all our crime-fighting capabilities.” The commissioner, who has a long leadership history in both the private and public sectors, said the VIPD has begun the process of filling positions on the cold case squad in an effort to solve cases that residents might think the force has ignored.

“All major cases are being pursued to the extent that we have returned experience detectives to the cold case squad,” Richards said.