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Two Women Robbed At Gunpoint Over The Weekend In St. John; Thieves Escape With Money, Cellphone

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ST. JOHN -- Two women were robbed at gunpoint in separate incidents here over the weekend, VIPD Public Information Officer Kevin Jackson announced late Monday.

The first incident occurred on Saturday at about 9:09 p.m. in Cruz Bay.

According to Jackson, officers met with the victim who stated that at roughly 8:35 p.m., while walking along Frank Bay Road in the vicinity of Coconut Coast Villas, a red Jeep Liberty containing four unknown men came to a halt alongside her.

As the vehicle came to a stop, one of the men, wearing a black ski mask and brandishing what appeared to be a gun, jumped out. But before he could make his move, the victim, shaken, asked the suspect if he wanted money. He responded with an immediate "yes." She provided him with \$50 as he jumped back into the Liberty and sped off with the other men, who never left the vehicle.

The victim was unharmed during the incident and was unable to provide any other description of the suspects or their vehicle.

Elsewhere here, on Sunday at about 8:13 p.m., officers received notification from the 911 emergency call center of a robbery that occurred in the area of Mongoose Junction.

Responding officers arrived at the scene and met with the victim, who stated that she was robbed at gunpoint at roughly 8:08 p.m. while she and a friend were sitting on the wall of the look-out, adjacent to the Asolare Restaurant.

She said they were approached by two unknown black men, who wore dark clothing with their faces covered by white cloths.

One of the men held a handgun against her and repeatedly demanded that she give them all of the items she had. The shaken victim complied and made available all she possessed -- including her bag, mobile phone and camera.

The men left the two women unharmed as they fled the area in a dark, grey colored Jeep that had been parked across the street seemingly waiting for the pair of suspects.

Anyone with information concerning these incident is asked to call 911 or the anonymous tip service, Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-(TIPS) 8477 or go to www.crimestoppersusvi.org