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Three Wanted Men Now In Police Custody; Total Of 10 Arrests Made Over Weekend

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ST. CROIX -- The V.I.P.D. scrambled to call a press briefing this afternoon at the force's Frederiksted headquarters, making known that the three men that were placed on a wanted list and broadcast in local media, had been arrested. The arrests brought the force's total apprehensions in one weekend to ten, one of whom was a minor, according to Lieutenant Robert Matthews, chief of investigations.

The arrests were made through the Criminal Investigation Bureau, alongside special operation units on St. Croix, according to Lt. Matthews.

The [three men](#) are David George, who turned himself in this morning; Dasha Graham, who was arrested in St. Thomas on Sunday, and Ahmed Francis. Mr. Francis also turned himself in this morning, according to Lt. Matthews.

Mr. Graham, 21, was arrested for burglary; Mr. Francis, 30, was arrested for unauthorized possession of a firearm; and Mr. George, 43, was arrested for unauthorized possession of a firearm.

On [Saturday](#), police arrested [Kareem Mathias](#), aka "Stinky," age 24, of Frederiksted for attempted murder; [Robert Courtney Dion Bacsus](#), Jr., age 21, of Frederiksted, for first-degree robbery; and [Lennox P. Cabral](#), age 52 of Christiansted, for unlawful sexual contact.

On [Friday](#), police arrested Elroy Tonge, 20, who is presently detained at the Bureau of Corrections, for unauthorized possession of a firearm; Kareem D. Ambrose, 38, of Frederiksted for third-degree assault in relation to an incident that occurred at the Croixville Housing Community's parking lot on June 6, 2016; and Rashede Emanuel, 35, for first-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault, third-degree assault, unauthorized possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, possession of ammunition, failure to report firearms obtained outside or brought into the U.S. Virgin Islands, and discharging or aiming a firearm.

"We want to ensure the community that we are out here; we are going to do what we have to do to make sure that our community stays safe, and we ask that you continue to give us those calls and feedback in reference to information, so we could move forward as a community," St. Croix Police Chief Winsbut McFarland said this afternoon. The chief said the arrests were in part community tips as well as ongoing initiatives inside the force.

St. Thomas Police Chief Jason Marsh, who was present at today's press briefing, told reporters that initiatives were just as active in St. Thomas as they are in St. Croix. He said warrants are currently going out and announcements would be forthcoming.

Aside from the 9 adult arrests, police also nabbed a 17-year-old minor, who was remanded to the Youth Rehabilitation Center, after being charged with first-degree robbery.

Feature Image: From left to right: Chief McFarland and Lieutenant Mathews. (Credit: Ernice Gilbert, VIC)