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Police Arrest Young Man For Forgery After Stealing Three Checks Of 74-Year-Old Woman

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ST. THOMAS -- A 21-year-old man was arrested on Monday at about 4:21 p.m. after stealing three checks of an elderly woman, who police identified as Ms. Vasquez, V.I.P.D. Media Specialist Sakeeda Freeman announced on Tuesday.

The young man, named Malacoy Francis, above, was charged with forgery and stolen property following a report made by Ms. Vasquez, who made known to Banco Popular that three checks were stolen from her home. On the same day that Ms. Vasquez made the report, Mr. Francis visited the bank and attempted to change one of the checks, which was written in the amount of \$1,200, according to Ms. Freeman. Mr. Francis had forged the victim's signature in his attempt to cash the check, according to police.

The Economic Crime Unit was called to investigate the matter at the Banco Popular located in Fort Mylner, according to Ms. Freeman. Ms. Freeman added that Mr. Francis later admitted to police that he had indeed forged Ms. Vasquez's signature in his attempt to cash the check.

Unable to make bail of \$10,000, Mr. Francis was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his advise-of-rights hearing.