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Man Stabbed While Breaking Up Fight Between Couple; Suspect Arrested

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ST. JOHN -- A man was stabbed in his abdomen on Wednesday afternoon on this island after attempting to stop a fight between a man and a woman, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glen Dratte told this publication early Monday.

According to Mr. Dratte, who was reached by The Consortium to get clarity as to what really occurred, the victim -- who arrived at the Roy Lester Schneider Hospital at 3:07 p.m. for treatment -- told police that he was exiting a place of business in Cruz Bay when he observed a couple having a scuffle.

Mr. Dratte, clarifying a press release issued on Sunday, said the victim then saw the suspect throw a punch at the female, and decided to step in and stop the fight. But the suspect, identified by police as Akil Gumbs, age 35, pulled out a knife from the back of his waist and stabbed the suspect in his abdomen. The victim was taken into surgery, according to Mr. Dratte.

Mr. Gumbs was arrested for third-degree assault. Unable to make bail (amount was not released), he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his advise-of-rights hearing.

Police are asking anyone with information that may lead to the arrest of individuals suspected of perpetrating criminal acts to contact 911, or Crime Stoppers USVI, [where your tip may net you a payday](#).

Feature Image: Mugshot of Akil Gumbs. (Credit: V.I.P.D.)