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Mentally-Ill Man Faces First-Degree Rape Charges For Sexually Assaulting Another Man

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ST. THOMAS -- V.I. Superior Court Magistrate Henry V. Carr III found that there was sufficient probable cause to [move forward on rape and related charges](#) against a mentally-ill man, Wingrove Clarke, V.I. Department of Justice Public Media Officer Corliss Smithen announced Monday.

Police arrested Clarke, 59, on May 30 on charges of first-degree rape and first-degree unlawful sexual contact after receiving reports that he sexually assaulted another man.

At Clarke's advise-of-rights hearing Monday morning, Magistrate Carr sustained the charges, maintained his bail at \$85,000 and allowed him to be released on posting ten

percent into the custody of his brother.

Magistrate Carr also ordered Clarke to abide by a number of court-imposed bail conditions and ordered him to take his medication as prescribed.

According to a probable cause fact sheet filed by Det. Shenika Simon in support of Clarke's arrest, the victim reported that Clarke has sexually assaulted him on more than one occasion and whenever he tried to resist, Clarke would "grab him, bully him and be aggressive towards him."

During a police interview, Clarke, who suffers from Schizoaffective, a mental disorder, admitted that he "raped a guy," Det. Simon wrote.

Clarke is scheduled to return to court on June 22 for his arraignment hearing, at which he will formally answer to the charges.