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Police Arrest And Jail U.S. Customs Agent Who Shot Boyfriend In Back

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ST. CROIX -- A woman [who shot her boyfriend in his back](#) following a domestic altercation last month has been arrested by the Virgin Islands Police Department, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glen Dratte announced Thursday.

The incident, which occurred on June 23, left the boyfriend with serious injuries to his back, with Mr. Dratte revealing that the shooting victim was airlifted out of the territory for further medical attention.

The suspect, [Vanessa N. Jackson, 27](#), a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent, was remanded to the Golden Grove Detention Center pending her advise-of-rights hearing;

she was not offered bail, which is in line with the territory's domestic violence laws.

According to Mr. Dratte, on June 23 at approximately 9:34 p.m., the 911 emergency call center received a call in reference to a shooting at the Good Hope Villas apartments in Frederiksted.

Upon officers arrival to the scene, they discovered a black male on the landing of the two-story apartment, with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to his back.

A preliminary investigation by detectives revealed that there was a domestic altercation, in which the girlfriend stated she was being abused and assaulted by her boyfriend, and subsequently shot him in the back. Police Commissioner Delroy Richards told The Consortium last month that the female suspect had visited the command in Frederiksted to report that she was a victim of abuse, and that she had been "assaulted and beaten" by the same individual she wound up shooting that night.