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ACLU Forces Release Of St. Thomas Prison Video Showing Inmate Being Abused By Prison Guard

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The American Civil Liberties Union, which for years has been pressuring the VI Government to work on conditions at its correctional facilities, on Friday released a video [on its Facebook page](#) showing abuse of an inmate by a prison guard. An attorney representing the VI government had fought to block the video, but failed.

The video shows prison guard Jamal Crooke charging towards and attacking the inmate, who had complained that a bug was in his food. There is no sign of any provoking by the

inmate towards the prison guard in the video. Text in the ACLU video says Mr. Crooke used excessive force and lied about it, but that he continued, as of Friday, to work at the jail.

Watch the video above.

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