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St. Thomas Man Arrested For Assaulting Federal Officers

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ST. CROIX -- Amijah Charles, 36, appeared today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ruth Miller for a preliminary and detention hearing after his arrest on Friday by federal agents for assaulting and threatening federal officers, United States Attorney Gretchen C.F. Shappert has announced. The Magistrate Judge released Charles on bond following a preliminary and detention hearing.

According to court records, the federal agents were in the area of Mariendahl conducting official business when Charles approached their vehicle and began pounding on the window. Agents exited the vehicle attempting to place Charles under arrest when he resisted, striking and fighting with the agents.

This case is being investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Everard E. Potter.

Attorney Shappert reminded the public that a complaint is merely a formal charging document, and it is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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