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Man, Wanted For Kidnapping Two Female Minors, Escapes Police While In Handcuffs And Is On The Loose

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ST. THOMAS -- Police are searching for a man who was arrested for kidnapping two female minors, but managed escape while handcuffed and is on the loose in St. Thomas, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glen Dratte has announced.

According to the police report, on Monday patrol officers of the Mariel C. Newton Command were dispatched by the 911 Emergency Call Center to the Hometown Service Station located in Anna's Retreat, in reference to a reported kidnapping.

Two minor females, ages 11 and 14, reported that while walking to the Hometown Service Station an unknown Black male, later identified as John “Cutter” Moses, approached them in an olive-green colored SUV and verbally forced them to get into his vehicle by threatening to hurt them if they didn’t.

According to police, Mr. Moses took the female minors to a store and told them to get some snacks for themselves and a Heineken beer for him, which he paid for. Mr. Moses then took them to the Anna’s Retreat residential area where they got out of the vehicle and ran.

According to Mr. Dratte, while the female minors were with their parents making the report at the Hometown Service Station, Mr. Moses returned to the scene where he was confronted and apprehended. However, he managed to escape from custody with handcuffs.

Mr. Moses, who has an extensive criminal background, is dangerous, said police.

The file photo submitted is a younger version of Mr. Moses, who is now 41 years old. He’s about 6 feet tall with a slim build, dark complexion and short black and gray hair .

This case is presently under investigation by the Domestic Violence Unit. Any persons having information regarding this incident are asked to contact the Investigation Bureau at (340)774-2211 ext. 5569 or (340)715-5535. You can also Contact 911, Crime Stoppers VI, the Chief’s Office at (340)715-5548 or DET. S. Gabriel at (340)715-5535.