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Two Men Arrested on Firearm and Ammunition Charges During Traffic Stop

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Mugshots of Taharqa Wade, left, and Shaquani Milliner. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — On Saturday at roughly 9:01 p.m., police arrested 21-year-old Shaquani Milliner of Bovoni Housing and 20-year-old Taharqa Wade of Thomasville, and charged them with constructive possession of an unlicensed firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition.

According to police spokesman Toby Derima, officers of the Special Operations Bureau conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Veteran's Drive. During the course of the traffic

stop, a firearm and ammunition was found in the vehicle. Milliner and Wade were arrested as a result, and a 16-year-old male who was also in the vehicle was taken into protective custody.

Unable to make bail of \$50,000 each, both men were remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending their advisement hearing.

St. Thomas/St. John/Water Island Chief of Police Steven Phillip praised the officers for taking another firearm off the streets. "Our officers will keep doing everything in our power to confiscate unlicensed firearms on our islands," Chief Phillip said.

He encouraged members of the community to keep giving the VIPD information to help solve open cases. Persons with information are urged to call 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 774-2211 or Crime Stoppers USVI at (800) 222-TIPS.