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Crime Initiative on St. Croix Nets Two Arrests on Cocaine, Gun and Ammunition Charges

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Mugshots of Jahsino M. Alfred, left, and Bomani O. Henley. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ST. CROIX — Officers assigned to phase two of the Virgin Islands Crime Initiative made two arrests in separate incidents on St. Croix last week resulting in the confiscation of a controlled substance and an unlicensed firearm.

On October 14 at approximately 10:32 p.m., officers arrested Bomani O. Henley, age 30 of Estate Rattan, and charged him with possession of a controlled substance with Intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Henley in the vicinity of Sunshine Mall in Estate Cane, Frederiksted. During the course of the traffic stop, Henley was found in possession of cocaine, said police spokesman Toby Derima in a V.I.P.D. news release.

Unlicensed Firearm Arrest

On October 15 at approximately 8:32 p.m., 24-year-old Jahsino M. Alfred of Barren Spot was arrested and charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm and possession or sale of ammunition. According to Mr. Derima, during a traffic stop on East End Road in Estate Southgate, officers discovered a loaded firearm in Alfred's vehicle.

Bail for Henley was set at \$15,000, while bail for Alfred was set at \$50,000. Neither of the men were able to post bail, and were turned over to the custody of the Bureau of Corrections pending their advisement hearing, Mr. Derima said.

St. Croix District Chief of Police, Sidney Elskoe praised the officers of the Virgin Islands Crime Initiative for the arrests. "These officers continue to work hard to get guns and drugs off our streets," Chief Elskoe said. He also reminded the community to say something to police, if they see something.