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Woman Arrested For Allegedly Using Credit Card of Elderly Victim For Personal Gain

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Mugshot of Maria Antoinette Rhymer Smith. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — A 56-year-old St. Thomas woman employed as the caretaker of an elderly person has allegedly used the victim's credit card without permission for personal gain, announced V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima Tuesday.

According to the news release, on Monday at around 8:30 a.m., Maria Antoinette Rhymer Smith, age 56 of Anna's Retreat, was arrested by detectives of the Economic Crime Unit, pursuant to a warrant issued by the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands. She was

charged with fraudulent use of a credit card and possession of stolen property.

Mr. Derima said Rhymer Smith, the caretaker of an elderly female, is accused of taking the elderly female's credit card and using it without authorization for her own personal gain. Rhymer Smith was released, pending her advisement hearing after she posted bail, according to the news release.

Police Commissioner Trevor Velinor reminded the public that taking advantage of elderly residents will result in the pursuit of prosecution by the VIPD.

"I commend our Economic Crime Unit for pursuing those who victimize our elderly residents. This practice will not be tolerated," the commissioner said.