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Man Who Assaulted Woman is Shot by Police After Pointing Rifle at Officers. The Suspect is Said to Have Stoned a Former Partner, Causing Injuries to Her Head.

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Leander Jurgen Command in Cruz Bay, St. John. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. JOHN — The Virgin Islands Police Department said Saturday that an officer was involved in a shooting incident that occurred at approximately 8:44 a.m. in Estate Pastory on St. John Friday.

The V.I.P.D. held a press briefing Saturday morning where details of the incident were first provided. V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima said a female victim

traveled to the Leander Jurgen Command police station in Cruz Bay to report that she was assaulted. The victim reported that she was in the Estate Pastory area, where she was threatened and assaulted by the suspect.

The victim sustained injuries to the back of her head and hand as a result of rocks being tossed at her by the suspect. She was transported by officers to the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center for treatment of her injuries.

According to the V.I.P.D. news release, while transporting the victim to Myrah Keating facility, officers observed the suspect, identified as Alex Louis Camsel, age 46 of Estate Pastory, walking on Centerline Road with a rifle. Additional officers responded and located Camsel with the firearm. Officers approached Camsel, who pointed the rifle at officers as they attempted to engage him. The officers took evasive action, and an officer discharged a single round, striking Camsel. The officers immediately applied first aid, and Camsel was transported to the Keating Smith Community Health Center, then subsequently to the Schneider Regional Medical Center where he underwent emergency surgery. He was listed in stable condition, Mr. Derima said.

Camsel will be charged with first-degree assault, third-degree assault and damage to vehicle. The investigation into this incident continues. The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information regarding this incident are asked to contact police by calling 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 774-2211, extensions 5207 or 5640, or Crime Stoppers USVI at (800) 222-TIPS.