

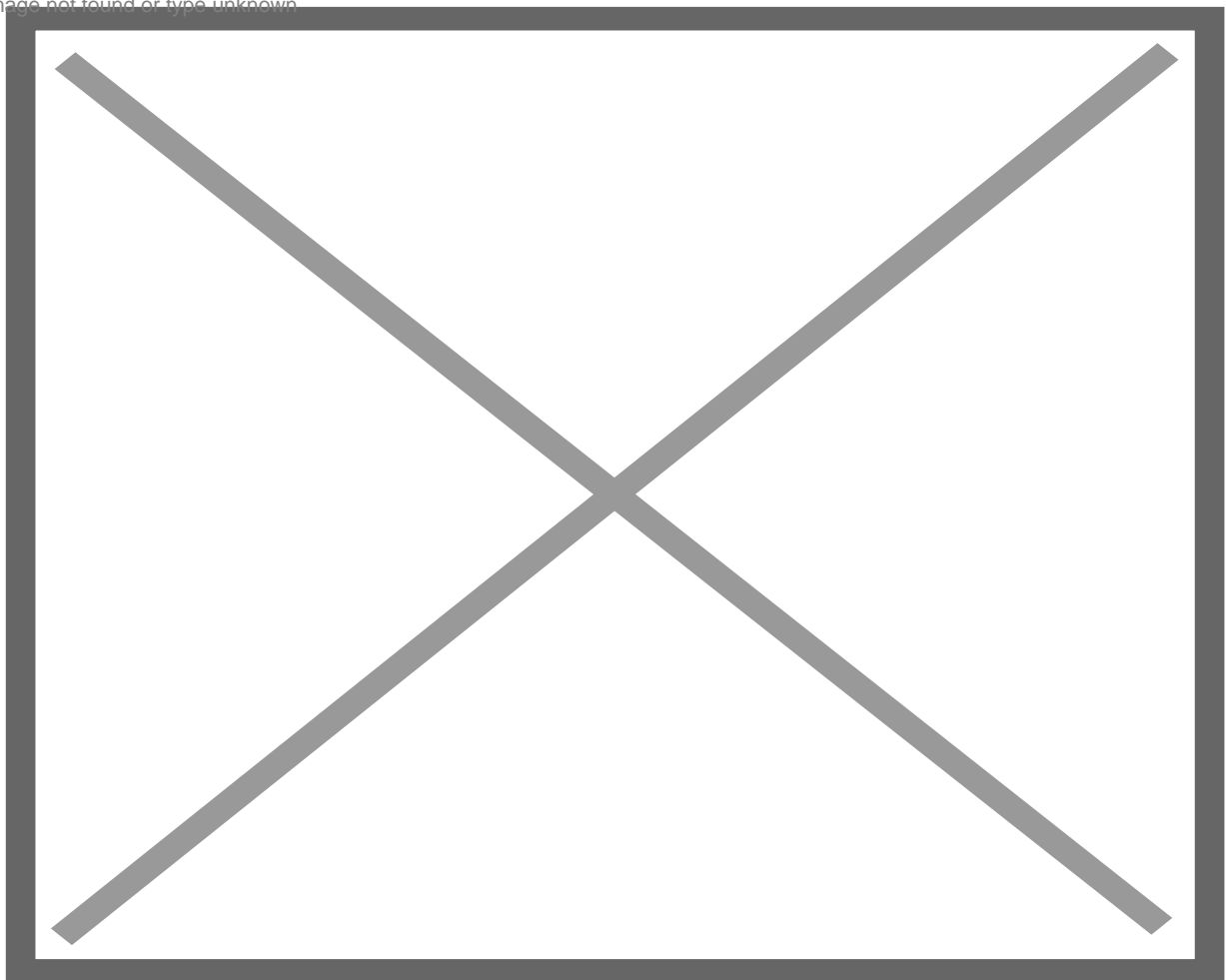
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Young Virgin Islands Actor Set to Guest Star in Upcoming CBS Network Drama Series 'BULL' on Monday. He Will Also Represent the USVI Nationally in Poetry Out Loud.

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Actor Kaden Hughes. By. KAREN NELSON-HUGHES

Young Virgin Islands actor Kaden Hughes has landed a coveted guest star role on CBS Network drama series “BULL”, which is set to air on CBS Monday at 10:00 p.m. AST (Dish Network Channel 18, VIYA cable channel 14, and DirecTV 174).

The actor, whose sight is also set on becoming a film director, got the big break after auditioning for the show.

“BULL” stars Michael Weatherly, and centers around Dr. Jason Bull, who is the charming and cocky founder of the successful trial consulting firm Trial Analysis Corporation (TAC). Bull and his team of experts employ psychology, human intuition, and high-tech data to understand jurors, lawyers, witnesses, and defendants, and construct effective narratives to help their clients win court trials.

In this upcoming episode, Kaden takes on the role of Callum Hartwell, a young dreamer living in an urban landscape where bright futures are often hard fought. Making choices that can change the trajectory of one’s life is a lesson that he will all too soon come to learn. “I’m excited to be able to represent the Virgin Islands on screen in this way,” says Kaden, age 15. “As an actor, the audition process can be challenging, but landing a multidimensional role such as this makes it all worthwhile.”

With a strong leading cast to include Michael Weatherly, formerly of NCIS fame and Chris Jackson, known for his recent role in the ever-popular ‘Hamilton,’ Kaden had the opportunity to collaborate with a host of industry veterans. “As a young actor, it was great to work with such a talented and seasoned ensemble,” said Kaden, who also recently took home the Poetry Out Loud Territorial Championship and is set to represent the USVI as he competes for the National title on May 2nd. “I am hopeful that this will lead to many more opportunities to tell stories through the big and small screen, so that I can continue to build upon what I have learned thus far.”

The young, professionally represented actor is no stranger to television and film, having starred in several independent feature films including “Who Framed Tommy Callahan,” and “Heaven’s Hill,” as well as landing a lead role in television pilot “Cheri Red’s Sweet Escape.”

A high school sophomore on St. Thomas, Kaden has also been cast in many local TV commercials and projects for clients such as The USVI Department of Tourism, First Bank, SRMC and DPNR. He also currently serves as a host on local teen talk show “Graffiti Street,” which airs on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. AST on WTJX Channel 12.

“I think it’s important to explore diverse opportunities,” says Kaden. “Involving myself in varied genres and roles allows me to grow as an actor and develop my skills on various platforms within the entertainment field.”

With a keen interest in becoming a screenwriter/director, Kaden — a current member of Antilles School’s International Thespian Honor Society — also appreciates the creative process behind the scenes having penned, produced, and directed several original short films and sketches to include: “Do the Write Thing,” and “Sweet Stuff,” and was excited to work with well-known director Geary McLeod for this upcoming CBS episode.

“It was such a pleasure to work with Mr. McLeod given his extensive directorial repertoire,” Kaden said. “I very much look forward to continuing to hone my craft and develop my acting and directorial skills and can’t wait for what opportunities may lie ahead.”