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St. Thomas Man Arrested on Unauthorized Use of Vehicle Charge

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Mugshot of Ja'Haile A. Clendinen. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — A St. Thomas man was arrested Friday for allegedly using a vehicle without authorization, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima has announced.

According to the news release, on Friday at about 1:00 p.m., police arrested 18-year-old Ja'Haile A. Clendinen of Altona & Welgunst and charged him with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Clendinen was observed on surveillance video and recognized as the driver of a stolen vehicle from an armed robbery on July 26, Mr. Derima said. Clendinen admitted to operating the stolen vehicle and was subsequently arrested.

Unable to make bail of \$25,000, he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending her advisement hearing.

St. Thomas-St. John District Chief of Police Steven Phillip commended his officers for the arrest. "A word of advice to our young people of this community – crime does not pay. If you engage in criminal activity, you will be caught," Chief Phillip said.

He encouraged the public to continue to submit tips to the VIPD by calling 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 774-2211, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers USVI at (800) 222-8477.