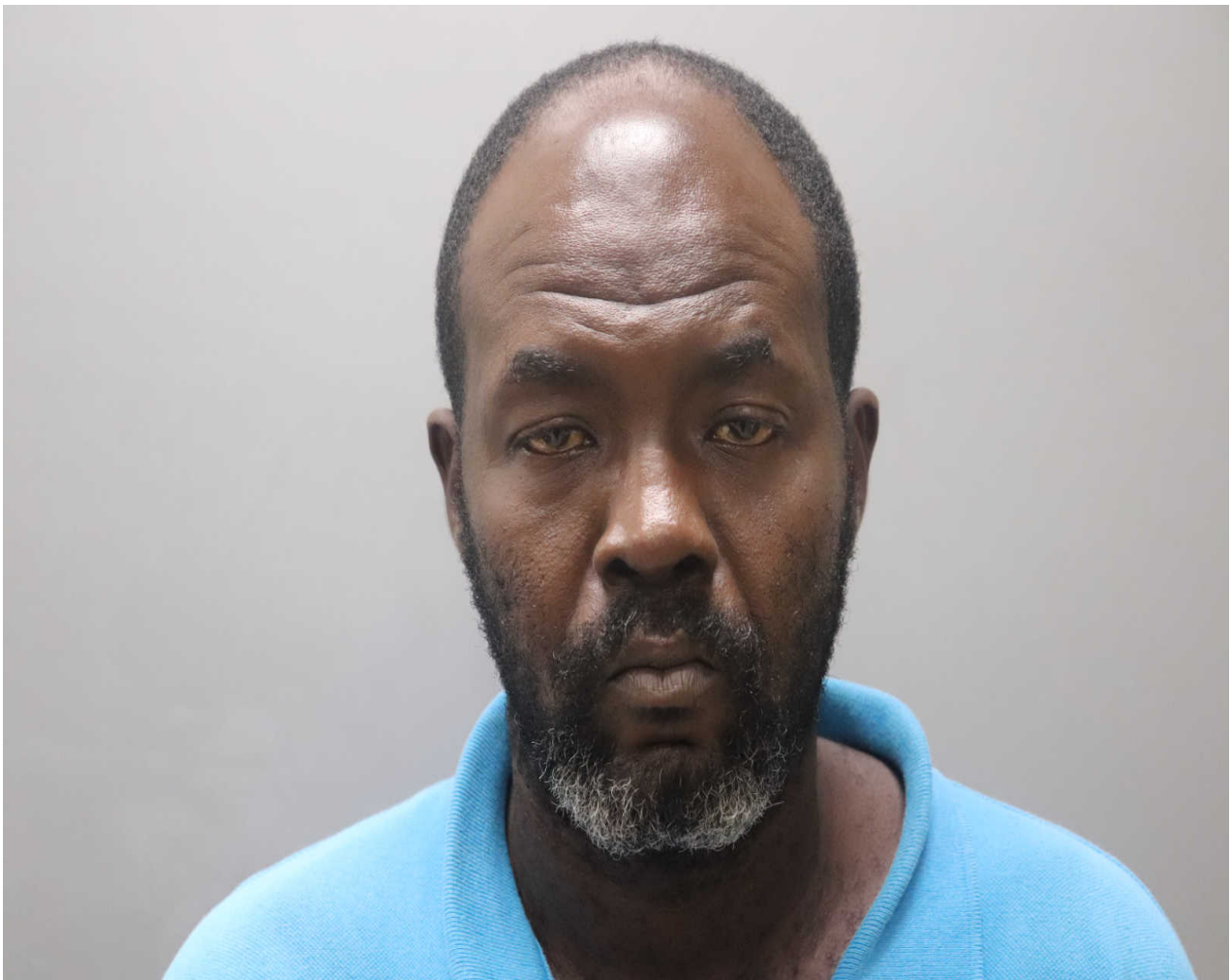


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## Berserk Ex-Lover of 3 Months Threatens to Kill Victim, Damages Her Vehicle, Brags About Sleeping With New Woman in Her Bed

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**Mugshot of Shawn Chichester By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

ST. JOHN — A man has been slapped with a series of charges following the alleged ongoing harassment and intimidation of his ex-girlfriend, after she ended their three-month relationship.

Shawn Chichester, 42, appeared for a virtual hearing on Monday where he was advised of the charges against him. These include third-degree assault, disturbance of the peace, unlawful entry and destruction of property, all categorized as crimes of domestic violence.

Chichester also faces charges for grand larceny and telephone harassment.

The victim alleged that on Tuesday October 5th at around 10:40 pm, Chichester found out where she was staying with a friend and showed up at the residence. According to the woman, the defendant texted her to come outside because he wanted to see her, but she refused. She said he began to throw rocks at the residence which prompted her to come out and confront him. The woman told police she ran back inside the house after Chichester threatened her with a knife, stating that he was going to kill her. In response to her 911 call, police showed up at the location and inspected the area, noting a flat tire and damage to the front bumper of her vehicle.

At about 6:00 a.m. the following day, police received another call from the victim, reporting that the rear glass of her vehicle had been broken. She said that the night before, Chichester had called and said "listen to this," and she heard bashing of a glass window. The woman then asked police to escort her to her own residence, revealing that Chichester had texted her to state that he had ransacked her room and had slept with another woman in her bed.

Upon arrival at her home, she found that her room was indeed ransacked and some of her documents dumped in the toilet. According to the probable cause fact sheet, several items of clothing were also destroyed and various items valued at \$3,270 were removed from her room. The woman told police that Chichester's harassment had been ongoing since she ended their relationship and that she was fearful for her life.

When police took the defendant into custody he admitted to some of the claims but denied others. He also told police that he was coping with a personal loss and turned over a phone which he admitted to taking without the woman's permission. At Monday's hearing, the court learned that Chichester has had 5 previous arrests and two convictions, some of them domestic violence-related. Attorney Brenda Scales also noted that he appeared to be a danger to the victim and to other women as he has a separate pending matter with another female. Scales stressed the seriousness of the matter, noting the extent of the harassment despite Chichester only being romantically involved with the victim from July to September 2021.

After considering the facts presented to the court, JudgeCarolynn Hermon- Percell concluded that bail would be set at \$15,000 with no 10 percent provision. As part of the bail conditions, Chichester is strictly forbidden from contacting the victim and must maintain a 100 feet distance at all times. He must also remain at least 50 feet away from any vehicle which she may possess or operate. The Judge further ordered that he be placed on 24/7 house arrest, stressing that she was concerned for the victim's safety. However, the Judge did indicate that she was willing to modify the house arrest to allow Chichester to go to work, provided that his employer can provide written confirmation of his working hours.

The charge of third-degree assault carries a fine of up to \$3,000, a maximum imprisonment of 5 years, or both. The other charges against Chichester carry fines ranging from \$100 to \$500 and prison sentences ranging from 90 days to 10 years.

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