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Man Back in Golden Grove Jail for Violating Release Conditions After Arrest on Firearm, Possession of Stolen Property Charges

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Mugshot of Dasha Grama By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — The V.I. Dept. of Justice announced Friday night the filing of a motion to revoke the release of 26-year-old Dasha Graham who was arrested while on release for other violent criminal charges.

According to the release, Graham, arrested on November 10 was advised of his rights Friday in V.I. Superior Court on St. Croix. He was charged with several crimes including possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute,

and possession of stolen property.

Magistrate Judge Ernest Morris Jr. ordered that Graham may be released upon the posting of the full amount of his \$50,000.00 bond. If he can secure those funds, he must also locate a suitable third-party custodian and will be placed on house arrest with the use of an electronic monitor.

According to an affidavit, the arrest was a result of a traffic stop by VIPD officers in the Altona Lagoon area. After the traffic stop, Graham fled from the officers on foot, at one point swimming across an area of the lagoon to escape. He was captured in the yard of a private residence after an extensive foot chase. Officers then returned to the vehicle, where they found a black Smith and Wesson .357 magnum revolver with 5 live rounds in the cylinder, a white plastic bag containing several vials with a green leafy substance, and a 22 round Glock magazine with 13 live rounds.

According to the D.O.J., Graham had in his pockets 4 vials containing a green leafy substance and \$448 in cash. The leafy substances tested positive for marijuana. The weight of the marijuana found in the vehicle and Graham's pocket totaled 132.8 grams (4.6 ounces). A firearm check revealed Graham does not have a license to carry or possess a firearm in the territory of the United States Virgin Islands. An NCIC check was made on the firearm which revealed it had been stolen during a burglary case on October 28, 2021. Graham was transported to the Wilbur H. Francis Command Police Station, where he was advised of his Miranda rights. Unable to post bail, he was remanded at the Golden Grove Adult Correctional Facility.

At the time of the November 10th arrest, Graham was out on release for three other pending cases: an unauthorized use of a vehicle case from January 2020, a burglary/domestic violence case from February 2020, and an Arson in the first-degree case from March 2020. Today, Assistant Attorney General Amie Simpson filed a motion to revoke Graham's release for violation of the release conditions ordered by the Court.

V.I. Attorney General Denise George reminded the public that a person charged with a crime is considered to be innocent until proven guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction.