

Nurse Practitioner From Kentucky Arrested for Drunk Driving After Auto Collision in Cane Bay

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Mugshot of Adrian Gray By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — A Kentucky resident claims her employment in St. Croix was terminated as a result of recent DUI charges.

Adrian Gray of Lexington Kentucky appeared for a virtual hearing on Monday where she was advised of the charges against her — driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and operating a vehicle in a negligent manner. The charges stem from an auto collision at Cane Bay which officers responded to around 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

According to the probable cause fact sheet, the other driver stated that he was traveling from north to south in the area of Cane Beach Bay when he saw headlights and a vehicle in his lane. The

driver said that he then swerved to the left to avoid an auto collision but Gray collided into the right side of his vehicle. Gray later told police that she swerved to avoid a deer which she saw, and subsequently collided with the other driver. Both drivers declined medical attention.

While taking Gray's statement, officers noticed that her eyes appeared glossy and there was a strong odor of alcohol on her breath. Based on these observations, she was subjected to three standardized field sobriety tests, two of which she failed. Gray was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to the Wilbur Francis Command where her blood alcohol content was later registered at .088 %, surpassing the legal limit of .08 %. She admitted to having a glass of wine, stating that she drinks wine daily. Gray later posted \$1000 bail and was released pending her advisement hearing.

During Monday's proceedings, attorney Yolan Brow- Ross requested that the defendant be allowed to attend future hearings virtually from Kentucky. Ross stated that Gray was only in St. Croix to work as a nurse practitioner due to Covid-19, and that she had lost her employment at the Juan Louis Hospital as a result of Friday's charges. As a result, Gray intends to return to Lexington where she resides. While Judge Ernest Morris Jr. appeared surprised that Gray would be fired as a result of charges which she has not yet been convicted of, the attorney affirmed that this was the information provided by the defendant.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the judge informed Gray that the \$1000 bail she previously paid would remain posted to secure her continued release. He explained that she would be permitted to return home to Kentucky and to attend her arraignment virtually. However, judge Morris Jr. noted that following the arraignment the matter will be assigned to another judge who will then determine whether Gray can attend subsequent appearances virtually, upon the relevant submissions being made to the court. The defendant will also be required to complete a waiver of extradition form.