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Wanted Man Arrested on Charges of Forgery, Obtaining Money by False Pretense, Other Crimes

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Malik Morton By. The Virgin Islands Police Department

ST. CROIX — Police on Monday arrested Malik Morton, 26, following an investigation by the V.I.P.D.'s Economic Crimes Unit that found Mr. Morton had perpetrated a number of crimes to gain a financial advantage.

According to V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima, on Monday at approximately 3:44 p.m., Mr. Morton of Lorraine Village turned himself in to police after learning that he was wanted. He was arrested and charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, forgery, uttering or passing forged or counterfeited matters, possession of

forged bills or notes, grand larceny, and identity theft.

According to Mr. Derima, on April 5, 2018, detectives from the Economic Crimes Unit initiated an investigation that revealed Mr. Morton and three others used their true identities to cash a total of eight counterfeit checks using information from an account of a nonprofit organization. Signatures were also forged on the counterfeited checks.

Unable to post bail of \$50,000, Mr. Morton was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his advisement hearing.