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Murder Suspect Turns Himself In; Shooting Victim Airlifted for Treatment

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Mugshot of Donte C. Joseph By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — The V.I. Police Department on Saturday arrested 25-year-old Donte' C. Joseph in connection with a June 5 shooting incident that occurred at the Osward Harris Court housing community.

Joseph, who turned himself in without incident, was charged with first-degree attempted murder, second-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault, third-degree assault, possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, mayhem, first-degree reckless endangerment, illegal discharge of a firearm, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and possession of a firearm within 1000 feet of a housing community.

Unable to post bail of \$1 million, Joseph was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his advisement hearing.

According to the V.I.P.D., on Sunday, June 5 at about 7:00p.m., officers with the Richard Callwood Command traveled to the area of Oswald Harris Court in response to a disturbance which escalated to an illegal discharge of a firearm.

Officers were notified through Central Dispatch that there was a gunshot victim at the Schneider Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room. The victim, due to his severe injuries, was unable to name his assailant and was rushed to surgery and flown to the mainland for further medical attention, the V.I.P.D. said.

An investigation revealed that Joseph, with no known affixed address, was the shooter involved in the incident.

The case is presently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information about this incident to contact CIB at 340-774-2211 ex. 5576/5572. You may also send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers USVI [here](#).