19-Year-Old Man Arrested in Connection With May 21 Margarita Bar and Restaurant Robbery

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Mugshot of George John Jr. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — The V.I. Police Department has arrested a 19-year-old man in connection with the May 21 gunpoint robbery of Margarita Bar & Restaurant.

According to V.I.P.D. Director of Communications Glen Dratte, George John Jr. was arrested on July 11 for his role in the May 21 robbery of the restaurant, which is located in Frederiksted, after a judge approved a warrant for his arrest on charges of carrying and using dangerous weapons during a crime of violence, and petit larceny.

Mr. Dratte said John was off island when he was contacted by police and was made aware of the warrant for his arrest. According to the police report, John returned to the territory and turned

himself in.

Unable to make bail of \$75,000, he was remanded to the John A. Bell Correctional Facility pending his advisement hearing.

May 21 Robbery

According to police Mr. Dratte, the 911 Emergency Call Center on May 21 at about 9:25 p.m. dispatched officers to the restaurant following the robbery report. Once at the location, officers made contact with the owner, who stated that four black males, all wearing ski masks robbed his establishment at gunpoint. The owner said \$300 was stolen from the cash register.

Law enforcement said that two of the four black males drew handguns at a bartender and demanded that she open the cash register. One of the suspects also drew a weapon at a patron, according to the report.

The four black males stormed the facility, all wearing black shirts. According to police, two of the male suspects appeared to have dreadlocks. Additionally, the two individuals who approached the cash register were roughly 5 feet, 11 inches tall, with one having a slim body while the other appeared medium in size, police said.

Following the robbery, the men left the area in a white Ford Fiesta, according to police.

The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information about this robbery incident to send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers USVI here.

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