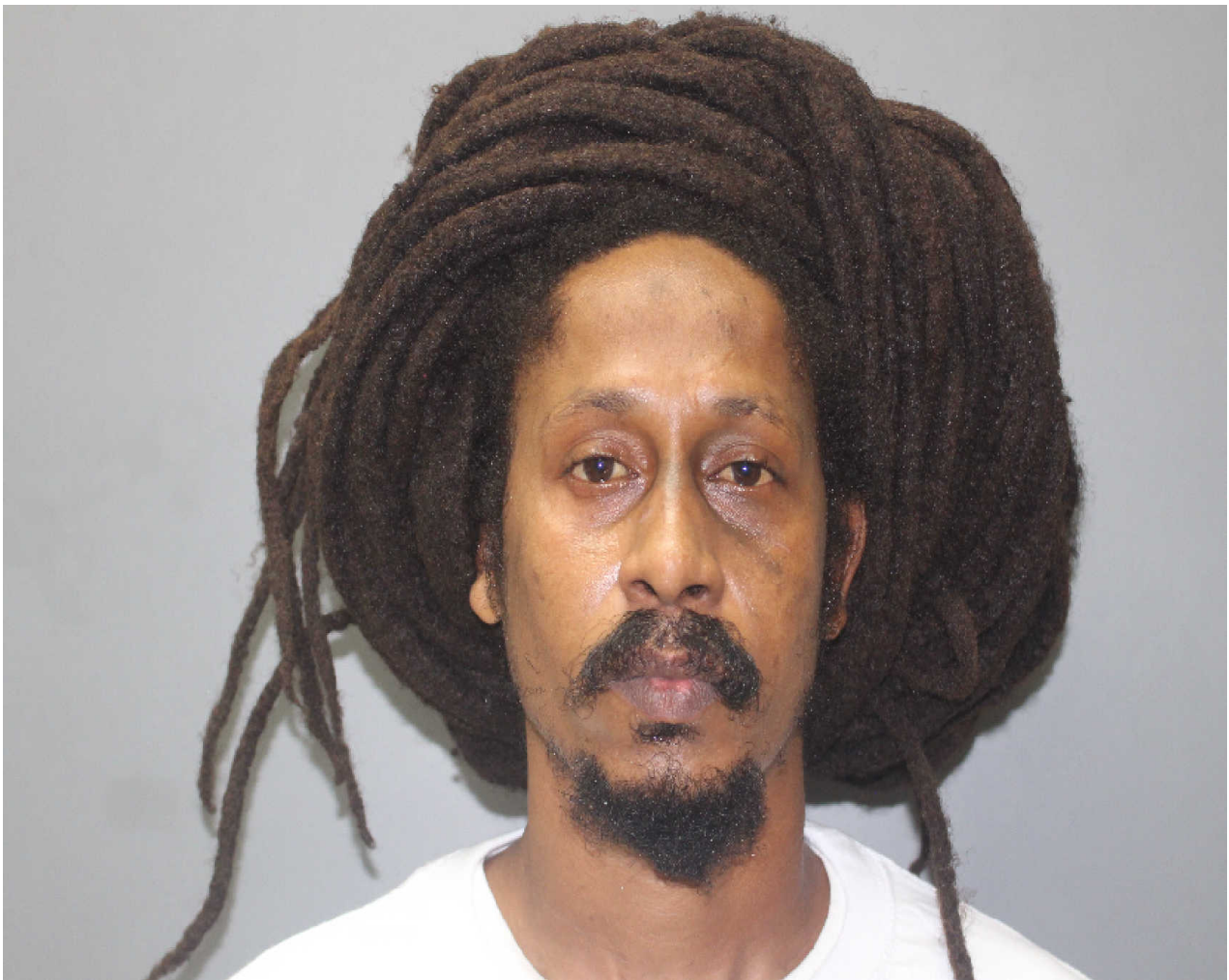


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Surveillance Footage Details Violent Knife Fight Inside Nightclub in St. Thomas Leaving Several Victims Injured and Hospitalized

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Mugshot of Kehli Ublies. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — Details of a violent knife fight at a nightclub in St. Thomas were detailed in court on Wednesday, where man appeared to face charges of assault and reckless endangerment.

Kehli Ublies, age 41, was arrested and charged on October 25 on two counts of first-degree assault, two counts of third-degree assault, possession of a dangerous weapon during a crime of violence, unlawful possession of a firearm, felon in possession of a

firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, reckless endangerment and disturbance of the peace by fighting.

His arrest follows a report placed on October 16 with the 911 Emergency Call Center of the need for an ambulance following a fight between two men.

According to the probable cause fact sheet, officers from the Richard Callwood Command were dispatched to the Krush Night Club regarding a fight where someone was bleeding. While on the scene, dispatch notified the officers that there were two stabbed victims on their way to the Schneider Regional Medical Center for medical treatment. Preliminary investigations revealed that there was a physical altercation between three men at the nightclub, near the bar close to the men's bathroom. The fight continued to the stage area and that's when Kehli Ublies jumped in.

When reviewing the surveillance, it showed Ublies joined the fight in defense of one of the men who was being attacked by two other men. Surveillance near the stage showed that one of the men was injured and bleeding. The fight then moved back to the men's bathroom area. Ublies was seen moving his right arm in a stabbing motion towards one of the men, while holding the man with his left hand. At one point, the fight was only between Ublies and that same man and surveillance showed Ublies stabbing the man in his back. Ublies threw the man to the ground and fought with him while the victim's brother assaulted Ublies in the head with a closed fist, knocking him unconscious momentarily. Ublies was left on the ground lying motionless, holding a bloody knife in his right hand. He tried to move to get to his feet but could not. Ublies was approached by a security officer who disarmed him by taking the knife.

Ublies then made attempts to get to his feet but lost his balance as he twisted around on the floor. When he finally got up, he staggered to an area where patrons were standing and a black firearm fell from his person. The security officer then moved towards the weapon but was stopped by two off-duty female police officers who happened to be in the club. The law enforcement personnel secured the weapon until on-duty officers arrived. Surveillance showed that both stabbing victims and Ublies left the club before police arrived.

It was brought to the attention of law enforcement that both stabbing victims were brought to the SRMC Emergency Room by private vehicle. They were treated and released. A third victim was held due to the seriousness of his injuries and was released two days later.

A National Crime Information Center (NCIC) check was conducted on Ublies, which showed that he had pleaded guilty to being in criminal possession of a firearm in New York back in 2002, making him a convicted felon.

In court on Wednesday, a judge ruled that Ublies would only be released if he could fully secure his \$100,000 bail amount. If successful, he will be released to a third-party custodian.

Ublies is barred from leaving the St. Thomas-St John district without the court's written permission and must turn in his Virgin Islands driver's license. He must report to the Office of Probation twice a week and abide by a daily curfew of 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. He

is prohibited from possessing a firearm, ammunition or any dangerous weapon. Ublies has been barred from entering the Krush Nightclub and must have no contact with the alleged victims or any witness while the matter is pending.

His next appearance in court is November 11, 2022.

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