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Man Facing Gun Charges After Allegedly Leaving House Arrest Location, Assaulting Girlfriend

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Mugshot of Calvin Parker. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. CROIX — A St. Croix resident is back in court after allegedly trailing and assaulting his girlfriend while supposedly on house arrest.

On October 7, 2022, officers were dispatched to the Juan F. Luis Hospital where a woman was claiming that her boyfriend, Calvin Parker, had injured her during a physical assault.

She told police that about 2:00 pm that day, she was sitting outside her apartment waiting for a friend who she had messaged to meet her there. Parker, who had reportedly been watching from her apartment window, called to ask her who she was waiting for and where they were going. The woman said she told Parker that she was going for a walk, alone. She then messaged her friend, asking him to meet her at the David Hamilton Park instead. She said she believes Parker had hacked her phone, and was able to read the messages she sent.

When the woman got to the park, she said she saw her boyfriend walking towards her. As he drew near, Parker reportedly told her that he would be accompanying her, since she had claimed she was not meeting with anyone. While at the park, the woman says she received phone calls from her uncle and then her mother, and during one of those calls, Parker asked to see her phone, saying she could use her headset to continue the call. The pair argued and decided to take different routes home. She says they messaged each other about returning each other's belongings - Parker wanted his earrings back while the woman asked for her apartment's spare keys.

The woman said she arrived home to find Parker in the fridge, removing food he had bought for the home. She reportedly sat on the couch in the living room and phoned someone to tell them what was happening. The woman told police that Parker came up to her, telling her to tell the truth, before lunging at her. She ran to the bedroom and tried to close the door but Parker pushed it open and tried snatching the woman's phone out of her hands, demanding that she hand it over.

The woman says she then went into the kitchen, where Parker's book bag was on the counter. She tried to take the bag, she told police, but her boyfriend reportedly gained possession of it and pulled out the firearm that was inside. The woman then ran back into the bedroom where Parker pursued her, taking the phone out of her hands. She fell to the floor and he stood over her. The woman says she tried kicking him away but Parker held her in a headlock before hitting her on the head with a hard object - she wasn't sure if it was the phone or the gun.

She says he eventually let go of her, and they returned to the kitchen, where he refused her offer to help her pack the rest of the food. He also refused her request for him to hand over her phone and her keys, triggering another fight, the woman told police. She said Parker straddled her and began strangling her again, but let go of her when her eyes began to close.

A friend of Parker's came looking for him at that point, but refused the woman's request for assistance when she asked him to use his phone. She asked Parker for her phone again — he also refused, she says, and they fought again when she tried to take it from him.

She then went to a neighbor's place for help, calling a friend for a ride to the hospital, which is where she met with police. She gave them a description of Parker, and officers spotted him over a month later at The Market - shopping with the woman who claimed he assaulted her in October.

A search warrant for his residence was subsequently issued, and police ultimately arrested him for unauthorized possession of a firearm and disturbance of the peace.

The gun charge mirrors one from April 2022, where Parker was charged with several firearm offenses after witnesses claim they saw him [discharge a firearm into the air near the Paradise Mills Housing Complex](#). In that pending matter, he was placed on 24-hour house arrest, but electronic monitoring was not ordered.

In court on Friday to answer to the new charges against him, a judge ordered Parker's \$50,000 bail requirement must be fully secured if he is to be released into the care of a suitable third-party custodian. If he is allowed out of detention, he will return to a 24-hour house arrest but this time, he will also be required to submit to electronic monitoring. He will also be barred from leaving St. Croix without the court's written permission and must report to the probation office weekly. Parker is not to enter the premises where the incident took place and must maintain a distance of at least 1,000 ft from the victim. He is to have no contact with the victim or any witnesses in the matter.

His pre-trial conference is scheduled for May 5, 2023.