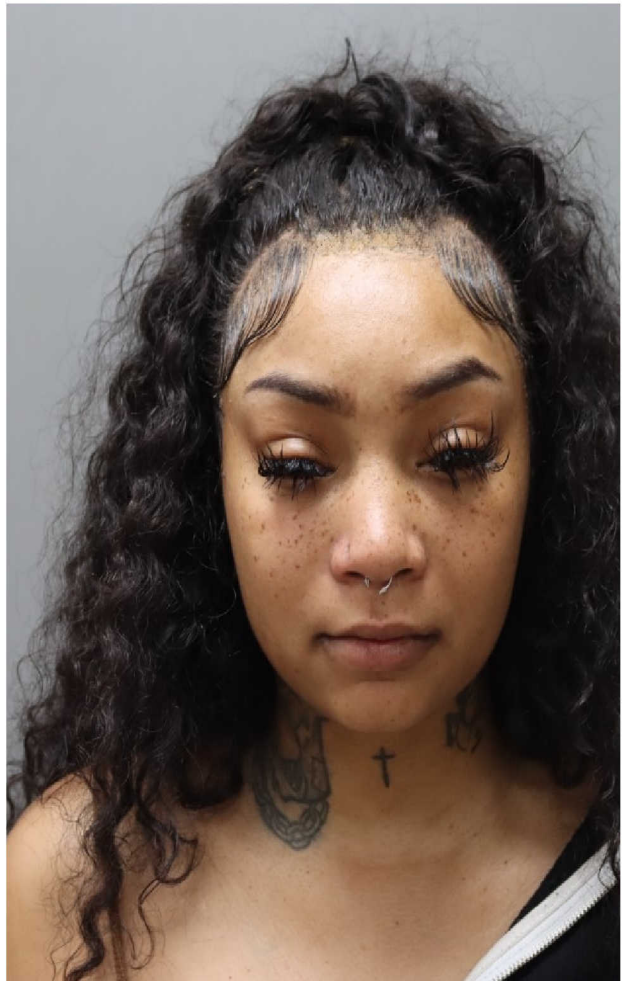
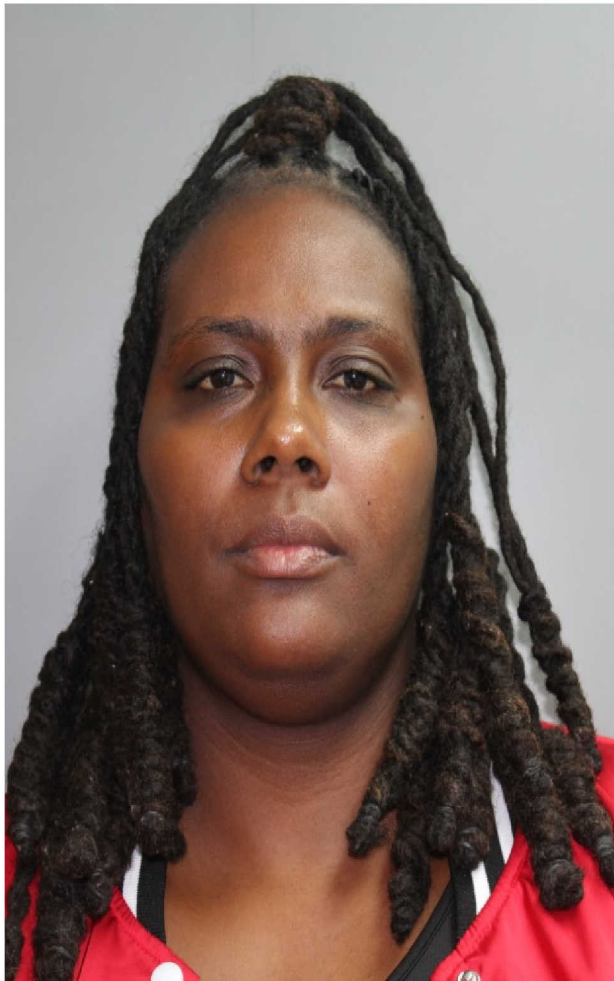


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Two Women, Two Airports, Two Warrants - VIPD Makes Thursday Arrests

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From left to right, mugshots of Jahreema Barnes and Natoria La'Von Franklin. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recent arrests by the V.I. Police Department include Jahreema Barnes, who allegedly used her employer's credit card to pay her personal utility bills.

The VIPD Economic Crimes Unit opened an investigation in Barnes after TBKC, LLC filed multiple complaints against the woman who worked in the business as a manager. Police say that in one instance, she used one of the business owner's Visa credit cards without authorization to pay outstanding bills from the Water and Power Authority as well

as AT&T. The total sum allegedly fraudulently used in that incident was just over \$1,000.

Police obtained an arrest warrant for Barnes, and last Thursday, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials informed the VIPD that the suspect in question was at the Henry E. Rohlsen airport on St. Croix, trying to board a Florida-bound flight. Police arrested 39-year-old Barnes and charged her with fraudulent use of a credit card, access to computers for fraudulent purposes, obtaining money by false pretenses, and grand larceny.

That same day, a woman wanted in Georgia on aggravated assault charges was arrested at the Cyril E. King airport on St. Thomas. Natoria La'Von Franklin, age 25 was identified by CBP, who informed the VIPD. Police officers intercepted Franklin at the airport and arrested her based on an outstanding warrant for the offense of being a fugitive from justice in addition to the original aggravated assault charge.

Barnes was scheduled to appear in court for her advice of rights hearing on Friday, however as of press time, the court's online database remains inaccessible.