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Man Found Passed Out in Jeep Now Facing Weapons Charges After Police Find Gun, Ammunition in Pouch

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Mugshot of LaQuan England. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. THOMAS — A man is facing a series of charges after police found him unresponsive in a vehicle containing a weapon and ammunition.

LaQuan England was arrested in the early morning hours of Sunday, April 23 after police were dispatched to Hospital Gade in reference to an auto collision. The responding officer discovered a white Jeep Wrangler stopped at the intersection of Kongens Gade, near the Moravian School. Inside was an unresponsive male, later identified as England, sitting in the driver's seat. According to police, the transmission was engaged in drive,

with England's foot on the brake pedal. Despite several attempts to rouse him, the man remained unresponsive, although he was breathing.

Emergency personnel were dispatched to render medical assistance and the officer switched off the vehicle's ignition while continuing to try to wake the driver. She then observed a small gray pouch with a closed zipper beside the driver, which she opened in search of some form of identification. Instead, the officer discovered what appeared to be a short barrel handgun, prompting her to request additional police assistance, before securing the weapon.

According to documents presented before the court, England woke up while EMTs were administering medical care and produced a Texas driver's license upon request. England was then detained and questioned. He informed officers that he was not licensed to carry a firearm in the Virgin Islands. He told police that the gray pouch was his, admitted that he knew the bag contained a gun, but denied ownership of the said weapon. "Nah, ain't mine," England reportedly replied to police inquiries.

The weapon was identified as a Glock 26, with a black conversion kit modification attached to the rear of the firearm, and a black ARMA laser TR6 attached to the trigger guard. It was loaded with one Glock branded magazine with what appeared to be fifteen 9mm cartridges. Another 15-round magazine filled with 9mm ammunition was also discovered, and police confirmed that England had no valid firearm license in the territory.

LaQuan England was then taken to the Richard Callwood Command where he was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of an unlicensed firearm, unlawful possession of a machine gun, unlawful possession of ammunition, unlawful possession of a conversion kit and possession of a firearm within 1000 feet of a school.

Following his advice of rights hearing on Wednesday morning, bail was set at \$25,000 and England was granted release on the posting of 10 percent of the bail, which was paid later that day, according to court receipts.