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Woman Extradited to St. Croix on Fraud and Theft Charges

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Mugshot of Tatiana-Rodriguez. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. CROIX — Tatiana Rodriguez, 38, was extradited from Houston, Texas to the Virgin Islands to face charges related to fraud and grand larceny, the V.I. Police Department reported Saturday.

The investigation into Rodriguez was launched by the Economic Crimes Unit on February 14, 2018, following a complaint involving unauthorized transfers from a joint bank account. The case centered around allegations that Rodriguez had unlawfully transferred \$2,811.06 from the complainant's account through a new Mi Banco application, after the account holder had allowed her online access.

The Economic Crimes Unit promptly obtained an arrest warrant for Rodriguez in connection with this matter, which was entered into the National Crime Information Center database.

On July 5, 2023, the Harris County Sheriff Department arrested Rodriguez in Houston, Texas, following a family dispute. The outstanding warrant was discovered during the routine processing following her arrest. After signing a waiver of extradition on July 7, Rodriguez was transferred to the Virgin Islands by the Economic Crimes Unit.

Upon her arrival at the Henry E. Rohlsen airport on July 14, Rodriguez was arrested without incident. After being advised of her Miranda Rights, which she signed, Rodriguez refused to give a statement. She was subsequently booked and charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, and grand larceny.

The court has set bail at \$50,000 in relation to the alleged offenses. As Rodriguez was unable to post the set bail, she was remanded to the John A. Bell Adult Correction Facility. A scheduled Advice of Rights Hearing will take place on Monday, July 17 at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.