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20-Year-Old Found in Possession of High-Powered Rifle Arrested

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Jahcori Potter By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — On Thursday at approximately 7:57 p.m., Jahcori Potter, 20 of the Bovoni Housing Community, was arrested by V.I.P.D. officers and charged with possession of an unlicensed firearm, V.I. Police Department Public Information Officer Toby Derima has announced.

Mr. Derima said officers were dispatched to the Bovoni Housing Community in reference to shots being fired. Upon their arrival, the officers conducted an inspection of the area and attempted to conduct interviews with residents, when Potter grabbed a backpack and

fled the area.

As officers pursued Potter, he threw the backpack in nearby bushes, where police pursued him until he was apprehended, Mr. Derima said. Police found the backpack with a high-powered assault rifle inside of it. As a result, Potter was placed under arrest.

Unable to make bail of \$25,000, Mr. Potter was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his advisement hearing.

This case is presently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information regarding this crime to contact 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 774-2211 extension 5579, or Crime Stoppers USVI with an anonymous tip [here](#).