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## Woman Faces Domestic Violence Charges after Physical Altercation with Family Member

**St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands** - On May 12, 2023, the 911 Emergency Call Center received reports of a domestic disturbance in progress in the Croixville Housing Apartments. Upon the arrival of the responding officers, they contacted a minor who stated that she was assaulted by a family member. Members of the Criminal Investigation Bureau responded and contacted the victim, a minor. The victim stated that she and Ms. Bernadette Jimenez got into a verbal disagreement, that Ms. Jimenez assaulted her causing injuries. The physical altercation ended up outside where Ms. Jimenez threatened to cut the victim with a knife. The victim laid down on the car begging Ms. Jimenez to return her cellular phone, however Ms. Jimenez entered the vehicle as she was enraged, she bit the victim on her hand and drove off while the victim was on the roof of the vehicle.

Contact was later made with Ms. Jimenez who was advised of her Miranda Rights, she gave a statement and admitted to assaulting the family member. Bernadette Calderon Jimenez, 34-years-old was placed under arrest without incident for Assault in the Third Degree-DV, Reckless Endangerment First and Simple Assault and Battery-DV. She was booked and no bail was set in this matter until seen by a Judge. Ms. Jimenez was transported to the John Bell Correctional Facility pending her Advice of Rights Hearing at the Superior Court for Monday, May 15, 2023.

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