

## THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Man Arrested for Possession of Illegal Firearm After Trying to Evade Officers in High-Speed Chase

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands – On Friday, November 17, 2023, while Officers of the Special Operations Bureau (SOB) were on patrol in the Peter's Rest area, they observed a black four door Acura TSX being operated without a visible license plate displayed on the front bumper and with the entire front windshield tinted passing the AS1 line. Officers attempted to traffic stop the vehicle in the area of Quality Electric parking lot, however the driver of the Acura led Officers on a high-speed chase that came to an end in the area of Home Depot. A search of the vehicle was conducted, where a Glock handgun with an extended loaded 15 round magazine inserted in the magazine well, an additional 13 round magazine were all recovered from inside the vehicle.

Mr. Rashawn Jackson, age 20, was subsequently placed under arrest for Carrying of a Firearm Openly or Concealed, and Possession or Sale of Ammunition. His bail was set at \$50,000.00.

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