

## THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **Driver Attempted to Evade Officers During Traffic Enforcement**

**St. Thomas, USVI** - On Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at approximately 5:13 p.m., members of the Virgin Islands Police Department Operation Rewind Task Force were conducting traffic enforcement on Frenchman's Bay Road leading to Havensight. While officers were initiating traffic stops, a 1998 silver Honda Civic exited its lane of traffic, turned around and drove off in the opposite direction. Officers on scene immediately responded to the fleeing driver who entered the Havensight area at a high rate of speed into oncoming traffic while trying to evade officers. The driver ignored fellow motorist and pedestrians, as he ran through red lights and finally a locked gate. The driver jumped out of the vehicle with a backpack in tow. As the suspect ran trying to flee officers, he threw out contents from the bag, which included a firearm magazine that was loaded to capacity, a firearm and controlled substances. The suspect later surrendered to law enforcement officers.

Mr. Kishawn Castor, 20-years-old was arrested and charged with Possession of Unlicensed Firearm, Delaying and Obstructing, Reckless Endangerment, Destruction of Government Property, Fleeing the scene of an Accident, Possession of Ammunition, Unregistered and Uninsured Vehicle. Bail was set at \$91,000.00. Unable to post bail he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advice of Rights Hearing.

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