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SOB Officers Make Arrest During Operation Rewind for Gun and Illegal Narcotics Possession

St. Thomas, USVI - On Friday, March 17, 2023, at approximately 8:20 p.m., members of the Special Operations Bureau were in Red Hook in the vicinity of American Yacht Harbor, working Operation Rewind received intel regarding illegal drug activity. Mr. Niah Henry, age 33, was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Illegal Narcotics with Intent to Distribute when he was observed selling and bagging illegal narcotics in the Red Hook district. Mr. Henry was arrested just over one month prior for the same activity.

There was no bail set for Mr. Henry who was subsequently turned over to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advise of Rights Hearing.

Ronald Smith

On Saturday, March 18, 2023, at approximately 9:00 p.m., members of the Special Operations Bureau were conducting traffic enforcement while working Operation Rewind on Emile Francis Memorial Drive. Mr. Ronald A. Smith, age 39, was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm with an obliterated serial number and Possession of Illegal Narcotics with Intent to Distribute. His bail was set at \$150,000.00. Unable to post bail, Mr. Smith was turned over to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advise of Rights Hearing.

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