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**Woman Faces Fraud and Theft Charges for Two Separate Cases**

**St. Croix, USVI** - Detectives from the Economic Crimes Unit executed two warrants on Jenae Almestica after two separate complaints were filed against her in 2021 in reference to fraud and theft charges.

On February 25, 2021, detectives from the Economic Crimes Unit initiated an investigation into Jenae Almestica. Their investigation revealed that while Jenae Almestica was employed at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, she knowingly prepared over sixty-six registrations, using her login information, which were all printed with Almestica’s initials for different customers and embezzled a total of \$6,256.37 of government funds.

On April 13, 2021, detectives from the Economic Crimes Unit initiated an investigation into Jenae Almestica. Their investigation revealed that sometime in February of 2021, Jenae Almestica took a female victim’s checkbook, without her permission, forged her signature, and wrote eleven (11) checks totaling \$8,516.00 without authorization.

Arrest warrants were obtained for Jenae Almestica in reference to the matters and were entered into the National Crime Information Center database. On April 13, 2023, at approximately 7:32 p.m., Jenae Almestica turned herself in at the Wilbur Francis Command Police Station. Almestica was served with both arrest warrants, advised of her Miranda Rights, and placed under arrest without incident. Jenae Almestica, age 34, was subsequently, booked and charged with Embezzlement by Public and Private Officers, Obtaining Money by False Pretense (2 Counts), Grand Larceny (2 Counts), Conversion of Government Property, and Forgery.

Based on the incidents, bails were set at \$10,000.00 for Embezzlement by Public and Private Officers, Obtaining Money by False Pretense, Grand Larceny, and Conversion of Government Property and \$20,000.00 for Obtaining Money by False Pretense, Forgery, and Grand Larceny. Unable to post bail, in the amount of \$30,000.00, Jenae Almestica was remanded to the John A. Bell Adult Correction Facility pending her Advice of Rights Hearing.

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