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Man is Arrested for Allegedly Stabbing Victim at St. Thomas Carnival Village

St. Thomas, USVI - On Thursday, June 22, 2023, at approximately 12:43 p.m., Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives arrested 56-year-old Craig Connell and charged him with assault in the third degree and disturbance of the peace. His bail was set at \$25,000.

During the carnival celebrations in April 2023, police officers assigned to the Carnival Village were notified by a male victim, that he was stabbed by a male acquaintance inside of the Village. The male was later identified as Mr. Craig Connell. Contact was made with the victim at the Schneider Regional Medical Center, who was being treated for three puncture wounds, one to the upper chest and two to the stomach. The victim stated that he and Mr. Connell became involved in a verbal altercation, which became physical, causing injuries.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call 911, Detective Y. LoBlack of the Criminal Investigation Bureau or the Office of the Police Chief at (340) 774-2211 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-8477. Information can also be submitted via crimestoppersvi.org or p3tips.com.

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