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**Woman Arrested After Brandishing a Firearm at Two Individuals;
Incident Caught on Surveillance**

St. Thomas, USVI - On Thursday, June 29, 2023, the Criminal Investigation Bureau on St. Thomas arrested 54-year-old Joanne Rhymer, and charged her with assault in the third degree, reckless endangerment in the first degree, brandishing & exhibiting or using deadly weapons and disturbance of the peace.

Ms. Rhymer was held on \$50,000.00 bail, pending further court action.

The two victims told police that they became embroiled in a verbal altercation with Ms. Rhymer’s parent, who is their neighbor. According to the victims, shortly thereafter, Ms. Joanne Rhymer arrived, exited her vehicle, and pointed a firearm at them, while making death threats. Video surveillance supported the victims’ account.

This case is currently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Anyone having information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact 911, Detective Y. LoBlack, the Criminal Investigation Bureau or the office of the Police Chief at (340) 774-2211. You may also submit information via Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-8477, crimestoppersvi.org or p3tips.com.

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