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## Woman Extradited to St. Croix to Face Fraud and Theft Charges

**St. Croix, USVI** - On February 14, 2018, the Economic Crimes Unit initiated an investigation into Tatiana Rodriguez. Their investigation revealed that after the complainant opened a joint account for Tatiana Rodriguez, who gained online access through a new Mi Banco Application, she maliciously transferred \$2, 811.06 from the complainant's account without authorization.

An arrest warrant was obtained for Tatiana Rodriguez in reference to this matter and was entered into the National Crime Information Center database. On July 5, 2023, the Harris County Sheriff Department placed Rodriguez under arrest after a family dispute occurred, causing the officer to discover her outstanding warrant. On July 7, 2023, Tatiana Rodriguez signed a waiver of extradition and was extradited from Houston, Texas to the Virgin Islands by the Economic Crimes Unit.

On July 14, 2023, while at the Henry E. Rohlsen airport 38-year-old Tatiana Rodriguez was placed under arrest without incident. Rodriguez was advised of her Miranda Rights, which she signed; however, refused to provide a statement. Subsequently, Tatiana Rodriguez was booked and charged with Obtaining Money by False Pretenses, and Grand Larceny.

Based on the incident, bail was set at \$50,000.00 for the alleged incident. Unable to post the set bail, Tatiana Rodriguez was remanded to the John A. Bell Adult Correction Facility pending her Advice of Rights Hearing scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023, at the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands.

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