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Operation Rewind Yields Four More Arrests on St. Thomas

St. Thomas, USVI – On Friday, February 24, 2023, at approximately 7:00 p.m., members of the Virgin Islands Police Department Operation Rewind Task Force were conducting Traffic Enforcement on Valdemar A. Hill Sr. Drive area of Beacon Point. Officers initiated a traffic stop of a black Acura 1LX, due to no front license plate affixed to the front bumper of the vehicle. Officers conducted a search of the vehicle and discovered a firearm inside. Mr. Donovan was unable to provide the officers with a license to possess a firearm.

Mr. Randal A. Donovan, age 33, was then placed under arrest for Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm and Possession of Ammunition. His bail was set at \$50,000.00, unable to post bail he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advice of Rights Hearing.

Rasham A. Monsanto, Jr.

On Friday, February 24, 2023, at approximately 7:00 p.m., members of the Virgin Islands Police Department Operation Rewind Task Force were conducting Traffic Enforcement on Valdemar A. Hill Sr. Drive in the area of Beacon Point. A red Honda CRV was observed making an abrupt U turn just short of the area where task force officers were conducting traffic enforcement. Officers' suspicions became heightened and initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle and ordered Mr. Monsanto to exit the vehicle with his documents several times, to which he refused. Mr. Monsanto eventually exited the vehicle while talking on his cell phone. Officers ordered Mr. Monsanto to end the phone call to which he also refused to do.

Mr. Rasham A. Monsanto, Jr., 23-years-old, was placed under arrest for Delaying and Obstructing, with bail set at \$1,000.00. Mr. Monsanto was released after posting bail and ordered to appear at the Magistrate Court for his Advice of Rights Hearing.

Eljaiey T. Grant

On Saturday, February 25, 2023 members of the Virgin Islands Police Department Operation Re-Wind Task Force were conducting surveillance in the area of Vitracco Mall, in the vicinity of Dineros Restaurant. Officers initiated a traffic stop of a white Mercedes Benz at Mandela Circle, where a search was conducted of the vehicle and a large quantity of marijuana was located inside the vehicle.

Mr. Eljaiey T. Grant, 25-years-old, was placed under arrest for Possession of Narcotics with Intent to Distribute, with bail was set at \$7,500.00. Unable to post bail, Mr. Grant was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advice of Rights Hearing.

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Te'Quori Lans

On Saturday, February 25, 2023, at approximately 7:45 p.m., members of the Virgin Islands Police Department Operation Re-Wind Task Force were conducting Traffic Enforcement on Emile Milo Francis Memorial Drive in the area of Lindquist Beach. Officers initiated a traffic stop of a green Honda Civic, due to no front bumper on the vehicle and the front windshield tint was below the AS1 Line. Mr. Lans was asked to step out of the vehicle, he refused to several times while reaching for a bag that was in front of the vehicle. Mr. Lans was eventually removed from the vehicle. A search was conducted of the vehicle, where the bag that Mr. Lans was reaching for contained a firearm. Mr. Lans was found to be in possession of an unlicensed firearm.

Mr. Te'Quori Lans, 23-years-old, was placed under arrest for Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm, Possession of Illegal Ammunition, Possession of a Firearm within 1000 feet of a Church, 2 counts of Illegal Transfer of License Plates and Delaying and Obstructing. His bail was set at \$75,000.00, unable to post bail Mr. Lans was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advice of Rights Hearing.

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