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Friday Night Traffic Enforcement Yield 1 Firearm, Ammunition, 1 Arrest

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas- On Friday, July 15, 2022, the Virgin Islands Police Department's "Operation Gridlock" Task Force consisting of Officers from Special Operations Bureau, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs and Department of Planning and Natural Resources were conducting traffic enforcement on Turpentine Run Road near the East End Asphalt Plant.

At 6:10p.m., a blue and orange Acura RSX traveling Northwest was observed with no license plate affixed to the front bumper of the vehicle and was asked to pull over the vehicle.

The traffic officers detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Both the operator and the passenger of the vehicle were asked to exit the vehicle.

Upon patting down Aaron Christopher, who was the passenger in the vehicle, a loaded black and silver firearm and several rounds of ammunition were discovered in Mr. Christopher's possession.

Mr. Christopher stated that he did not possess a license to carry a firearm in the US Virgin Islands.

Aaron Christopher, 44-years-old, was arrested and charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm, Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Ammunition, Possession with the Intent to Distribute Marijuana. Christopher was remanded to the Bureau of pending his advice of rights hearing after failing to post \$50,000.00 in bail.

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