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Wanted 22-year-old Jeavon Francis Arrested for Illegal Discharging of Firearm by Police

St. Thomas, USVI - On Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at approximately 11:43 p.m., an investigation was launched after it was reported via ShotSpotter that numerous shots were constantly being fired in the Altona and Welgunst area. During the investigation, Mr. Jeavon Francis was identified as the person of interest in reference to the shots being fired. A wanted poster was circulated throughout various media outlets for Mr. Jeavon Francis. On April 25, 2023, the Criminal Intelligence Unit along with the Criminal Investigation Bureau and the Special Operations Bureau executed a search warrant in the area of Building 16 in the Lovenlund Apartments. Upon making contact with the target apartment, contact was made with Mr. Jeavon Francis who was taken into custody and placed under arrest at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Francis, who is 22 years of age, was charged with Illegal Discharge of a Firearm. Bail was set at \$50,000.00 for Mr. Francis and he was remanded to the Bureau of Corrections after being unable to post bail.

Anyone with any information regarding this crime is urged to contact 911, Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340)774-2211 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-TIPS.

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