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Man Caught on Camera Assaulting Elderly Victim

St. Thomas, USVI - On Monday, May 1, 2023, at approximately 8:15 a.m., an adult male was placed under arrest and charged with Assault First, Assault Third, Aiding and abetting, Elderly Abuse, Disturbance of the Peace after being observed on camera footage beating an elderly male repeatedly with a chain. Mr. Richard Lazarus, age 32, turned himself in to the authorities and he was read his Warning as to Rights and was turned over to the Bureau of Correction. His bail was set at \$75,000.00.

Any persons having information regarding this incident are asked to contact the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 340-774-2211 ext. 5535. They can also contact 911, Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1-800-222-TIPS, the Chief's Office at 340-715-5548 or the Commissioner's Office at 340-715-5506.

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