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Man Who was Observed Smoking Marijuana Led SOB Officers to Arrest Him on Firearm Charges

St. Thomas, USVI – While the Special Operations Bureau (SOB) Unit were conducting inspections of the Carnival J’ouvert in the area of Veterans Drive on April 27, 2023, it was observed that an Afro-American male was smoking a marijuana cigarette.

When officers made contact with the individual, he was identified as Shemar Coward, who was found in possession of an unlicensed firearm. The SOB Unit then took 22-year-old Shemar Coward into custody at 10:00 a.m. and transported him to the Alexander A. Farrelly Justice Complex where he was charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm and Possession of Ammunition. Coward was then processed, booked and remanded to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advise of Rights Hearing. Bail was set at \$50,000.00.

This case is presently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Anyone with any information regarding this crime is urged to contact 911, Criminal Investigation Bureau Detective S. Rhymer at (340)774-2211, ext. 5572 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-TIPS.

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