

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE



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VIPD & US MARSHALS SERVE WARRANT AND ARREST ROBBERY SUSPECT

ST. THOMAS – On Saturday, August 10, 2019 at approximately 6:00 a.m., Virgin Islands Police Department officers of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, Special Operations Bureau and U.S. Marshals executed a search and arrest warrant. Officers arrested Elieser Edwards, 20, of Paul M. Pearson Garden in the vicinity of Building 8 on St. Thomas.

An arrest warrant for Edwards was issued on June 6, 2019. After a thorough investigation and the help of the Crime Stoppers Hotline tip that came to officers that determined Edwards resided at the housing community.

Stemming from a Robbery in the 1st Degree on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at approximately 3:53 a.m. when officers and detectives from the Criminal Investigation Bureau responded to a call of armed robbery at a business in the Vitraco Park Mall. Victims told officers that while trying to close the business two masked men entered armed with weapons. The suspects managed to take at least \$2,000 us dollars from the business and the occupants.

Edwards was charged with Burglary in the 1st Degree; 3 counts of Robbery in the 1st Degree; 3 counts of Grand Larceny; 3 counts of Robbery in the 2nd Degree; 3 counts of Assault in the 1st Degree; 3 counts of Use of a Firearm during the Commission of Crime of Violence; and Conspiracy to commit Robbery. Bail was set at \$150,000 as per Order of the Court. Unable to post bail, Edwards was processed and turned over to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advice of Rights hearing.

Anyone having any information about this or any other crime please contact the Virgin Islands Police Department at (340)774-2211 ext. 5617, Major Crime Unit at (340)714-9830 or the Criminal Investigation Bureau (340)714-9807. You can also contact Crime Stoppers at 1(800)222-8477 or 911. We need your help and the entire community's involvement.

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