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MAN ARRESTED FOR UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

St. Thomas, USVI- On Friday, December 2nd, 2022, at approximately 3:55 p.m. Officers with the Special Operations Bureau alongside Officers from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources were enforcing traffic on Saint Peter Mountain Road.

Officers initiated a traffic stop when they observed a blue Honda Accord that failed to stop at a stop sign. Officers then approached the vehicle and immediately detected the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle.

Upon inspection of the operator’s driver license, it was discovered that it was expired. Further inspection revealed that the vehicle’s insurance and registration were expired and the license plate that was attached to the vehicle belonged to another vehicle. Officer’s asked Kennings to exit the vehicle, where he was pat down for officer safety. Kennings was asked if he had any narcotics or weapons in the vehicle prior to officer’s search.

Kennings admitted to officers that he had narcotics and a firearm inside the vehicle. 44-year-old Bernard Kennings Jr. was found in the possession of a 9-millimeter handgun (Ghost Gun – no serial number) with a 15 round magazine filled to capacity and marijuana.

He was booked, processed and turned over to the Bureau of Corrections pending his Advise of Rights Hearing on Monday, December 5, 2022.

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