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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

No: 05-3460

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Appellant

v.

GARY BOWLEY

Appeal from the United States District Court  
of the Virgin Islands  
(Crim. No. 04-cr-00169-1)  
District Judge: Hon. Raymond L. Finch, Chief Judge

Argued: December 8, 2005

Before: SCIRICA, Chief Judge, McKEE, Circuit Judge,  
and NYGAARD, Senior Circuit Judge

**ORDER AMENDING OPINION**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the slip opinion filed in this case on January 26,  
2006, be amended as follows:

On pages 5 and 6, delete the following paragraph:

However, since the crime the VIPD officers initially arrested Bowley for (illegal reentry in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a), (b)(2)) is a misdemeanor, the district court held that Bowley's arrest was unlawful. Virgin Islands police can only arrest for a misdemeanor when the crime is committed in their presence. *See* 5 V.I.C. § 3562. The district court ruled that "[i]llegal reentry is not a continuing violation, but is completed at the time of entry . . . or when an alien has reached a place of repose within the country." App. 7. Accordingly, Bowley had not violated 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a), (b)(2) in the police officers' presence, and the court therefore concluded that the police officers lacked statutory authority to arrest him.

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However, since the crime the VIPD officers initially arrested Bowley for (illegal entry in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1325) is a misdemeanor, the district court held that Bowley's arrest was unlawful. Virgin Islands police can only arrest for a misdemeanor when the crime is committed in their presence. *See* 5 V.I.C. § 3562. The district court ruled that "[i]llegal entry is not a continuing violation, but is completed at the time of entry . . . or when an alien has reached a place of repose within the country." App. 7. Accordingly, Bowley had not violated 8 U.S.C. § 1325 in the police officers' presence, and the court therefore concluded that the police officers lacked statutory authority to arrest him.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Theodore A. McKee  
Circuit Judge

Dated: February 17, 2006