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64-year-old Man Charged with the Death of Co-Worker

St. Croix, USVI - On April 14, 2023, an adult male who was identified as Hubert Lee Sr. walked into the Ancilmo Marshall Command Police Precinct and reported that a co-worker fired a shot at him while he was on the way to his job at Grapetree Bay Hotel. He stated that he saw his co-worker in the middle of the road with a gun pointing and subsequently discharging the firearm at him which impacted his windshield. He also stated that he drove off, turned around and on his way out of the area, his coworker was still standing in the road with the firearm firing at him.

At 7:40 a.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center received a call from an adult male who stated that his co-worker was struck by a white taxi van with yellow and green stripes and that the driver left the scene leaving the victim on the ground unresponsive. Emergency Medical Technicians arrived and found no sign of life on the victim. Next of kin was notified and they identified the victim as 54-year-old, Ersdale I. Joseph of Estate Frederikshab.

The perpetrator, 64-year-old, Hubert Lee Sr., of Clifton Hill was advised of his rights and provided a statement denying hitting anyone with his vehicle and restated that he was fired upon while on his way to work. Investigation revealed that this was a willful act and not an accident and Hubert Lee Sr. murdered the victim using his vehicle as the weapon.

Mr. Lee was formally arrested and charged with Murder in the First Degree and his bail was set as per chart at \$1,000,000.00, which he was unable to secure. Mr. Lee was booked, processed, and transported to the John Bell Correctional Facility pending his advised of rights hearing on Monday, April 17, 2023.

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