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CIB Investigates Early Morning Shooting in Peter’s Rest; Second Victim Passed Away, While One is Still Hospitalized

St. Croix, USVI – On Sunday, April 16, 2023, the 911 Emergency Call Center received a call regarding a nonresponsive male on the ground across from Climaxx Night Club. Responding Police Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians arrived and learned that multiple individuals were transported to Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital in private vehicles.

As a result of the shooting, six individuals were injured and one of the six died on the scene, while another of the six is on life support.

Investigation disclosed that the club was closing, and the patron was exiting when gunshot rang out. Currently, it is unknown the reason for the discharging of shots.

The deceased was identified by next of kin as 19-year-old, Jahmari Joshawn Santiago.

“This is unacceptable, we live in an intimate community, and when this type of violence happens, it hits home for all of us. Anyone should be able to go anywhere in this territory and enjoy themselves without being a victim of a crime. We were doing so well as a people, keeping a lid on violence. We will continue to work, engage and continue our partnership with this community bringing all criminal offenders to justice. Our hearts go out to the victims’ family and friends.” said St. Croix Police Chief Sean Santos.

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, the second victim passed away after being taken off life support. The deceased was identified by next of kin as 19-year-old, Ja’yomi Roberts.

Currently there is one victim in stable but guarded condition in a Florida hospital. As for the other three victims, they were treated and released.

This case is actively under investigation by Criminal Investigation Bureau Investigators. Anyone with information about this shooting incident, please call the CIB Tip-Line at (340) 778-4850, 911 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800) 222-TIPS.

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