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24-year-old Man Succumbed after Gun Shot Injuries at Mutual Homes

Frederiksted, St. Croix - On May 21, 2023, ShotSpotter received notifications of shots fired in Mutual Homes at about 6:21 p.m.

While dispatching units to Mutual Homes, 911 Emergency Call Center received report from a female who reported her brother was shot and appeared to be dead.

Upon the arrival of the officers and investigators, they observed the lifeless body of a black male who was later identified by his next of kin as Mr. Jamari Gardener, age 24. He appeared to have been shot multiple times to his body and succumbed to his injuries. EMS was present and checked for signs of life and found none.

A canvass of the area was made in an attempt to locate possible witnesses with negative results, however numerous shell casings were located on the ground. The scene was processed by Forensic Unit personnel.

This matter is still under investigation. Anyone with information, please call 911, CIB Tip Line at (340)778-4850 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-TIPS.

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