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VIPD CIB Investigates 16-year-old Male Shot on St. Croix

St. Croix, USVI - On June 10,2023, at 6:12 p.m. a concern citizen notified 911 of an unresponsive male in a vehicle in the vicinity of the old Queen Mary Highway Service Station. Emergency Medical personnel was requested and upon arrival they checked for signs of life with negative results. The victim appeared to have been shot multiple times to his upper body and succumbed to his injuries.

He was identified by his next of kin as 16-year-old Amon Walcott.

Investigation into this matter is ongoing.

Acting Commissioner Mario Brooks expressed condolences and urges the community to provide any information surrounding this crime and other crimes. Brooks said, "Our community is in shock and mourning following the tragic death of a 16-year-old male who was found shot to death. Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family and friends of the victim during this difficult time.

These heinous crimes have no place in our community, the loss of any life is a tragedy, but it is especially gut-wrenching and heartbreaking when it happens to someone so young with their whole life ahead of them.

We implore our community to come together and support one another during this difficult time. Our silence only allows these senseless acts of violence to continue, and it is up to each and every one of us to take a stand and do our part to keep our community safe."

"We ask that anyone with information about this crime contact the VIPD immediately through 911, the CIB tip line at (340) 778-4850 or Crime Stoppers at 1(800)222-TIPS. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the victim during this tragic time."

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