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# CIB Investigates a Discharging of Shots Incident that Occurred in the Strawberry Area, No Reported Injuries

**St. Croix, USVI** - On Saturday, August 19, 2023, at approximately 5:30 a.m., units from the Ancilmo Marshall Command were dispatched to travel to Strawberry for a discharging of shots and a vehicle damaged with bullet holes.

Upon the investigator's arrival, contact was made with a male, who stated that on his wife's way home from the laundry at approximately 5:00 a.m., she stopped by the Strawberry Shanty to ask her friend if she needed a ride, when a vehicle drove up behind of her blowing their horn. She became scared, so she turned into the Strawberry entrance and in doing so, heard a firecracker sound and started to feel fragments and heat about her body. Upon her arrival home, she observed bullet holes in the rear of her vehicle which she showed to her husband, resulting in his call to 911.

The Criminal Investigation Bureau is presently investigating this incident. Anyone with information is urged to call 911, the CIB Tipline at (340) 778-4850 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-TIPS.

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