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Taxi Driver and Passengers Robbed at Gunpoint on St. John, No Injuries

St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands - On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 9:44 p.m., while a taxi driver dropped off two passengers at the Westin Resort, a vehicle blocked the roadway and five males exited the vehicle with guns. They demanded valuables from the taxi driver and the passengers, who were visiting the island. The males then left the area in an unknown direction. No one was injured during this incident.

St. Thomas, St. John, Water Island Chief Steven Phillip stated, "there's an operational plan in place to eradicate these rash of robberies that's been taking place. We've expanded our patrols and will have more visibility." "We will not allow these individuals to have our community live in fear, the VIPD is committed to take away these opportunities from these criminals," Chief Phillips concluded.

This case is presently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Anyone with any information regarding this crime is urged to contact 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340)693-8880 ext. 5207 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-TIPS(8477).

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