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CIB Investigating Fatal Shooting in Paradise Mills

Fredriksted, St. Croix - On September 30, 2022, at approximately 9:59p.m. the 911 Emergency Call Center received reports of shots being fired in the Paradise Mills Housing Community. Moments later, 911 operators received calls from citizens who reported that there was a gunshot victim in Paradise Mills.

Police officers were dispatched and while on scene were contacted by several citizens who led them to the gunshot victim. Officers observed a black male wearing dark clothing and a dark stocking cap on his head, lying face down in the grass near building one.

Emergency Medical Technicians were present and administered life saving services and transported the victim to Juan F. Luis Hospital where he was pronounced dead by the ER physician. He sustained a gunshot wound to his upper torso.

The victim was identified by his next of kin as 31 years old Deshawn Huggins.

This case is currently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Anyone with information regarding this crime is urged to call 911, Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1 (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 778-2211.

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