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Sunday Night Shooting in Paradise Mills Leaves Two Dead

Frederiksted, St. Croix– On August 28, 2022, 911 Emergency Call Center received multiple calls at 10:32p.m., of shots fired in the Paradise Mill Housing Community, Frederiksted. In addition, 911 received calls about a man down in Paradise Mills and another down in the Louis E. Brown Housing Community.

Upon the officer's arrival in Paradise Mills they discovered an unresponsive male who was then transported to the Juan Luis Hospital via ambulance where he was later pronounced dead. The deceased was identified by his next of kin as 18-year-old Steven Hodge Jr.

Officers traveled to the Louis E. Brown Apartments Phase 2 where the body of an unresponsive male was found lying on the sidewalk. The individual was later identified as 34 years old Aurelio Rivera by his next of kin.

Both the deceased received multiple shots to the body.

Investigation revealed that Mr Rivera ran from Paradise Mills to Louis E. Brown Housing Community where he dropped and succumbed to his injuries.

Investigation continues into this shooting; CIB is asking for information regarding the recent shootings. Call the CIB Tip-Line 340 778 4850, 340 712 6092, Crime Stoppers 1800 222 TIPS, or 911.

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