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Man Dies, Woman Injured During Accident on South Shore Road

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Catherine's Rest Intersection on South Shore Road By. ERNICE GILBERT/ VI CONSORTIUM

ST. CROIX — A man died and a woman was injured in the wee hours of Tuesday morning during an accident on the South Shore road just west of the Catherine's Rest intersection, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima has made known. The 911 Emergency Call Center received notification of the accident at about about 1:28 a.m.

Officers arrived on scene and found the vehicle, a black 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier, on its roof. The occupants were thrown out of the vehicle during the accident, as they were not wearing seatbelts. The vehicle was also moving at a high rate of speed, according to police.

According to Mr. Derima, the driver of the vehicle, 28-year-old Deshea D. Douglas, succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The deceased was an employee of the Divi Carino Bay Casino, the Consortium has learned.

The passenger, a woman, was transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital for treatment and was listed in stable condition.

"Investigation revealed that excessive speed may have been a factor in the accident, and the occupants of the vehicle were not wearing their seat belts," the V.I.P.D. said. The police force is asking the community to exercise caution and drive safely.

"Whenever you drive, ensure that all occupants use their seat belt, drive within the speed limit, obey all posted signs, and focus on the road ahead. Let us all drive safely today for a better tomorrow," the police department said.

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