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USVI Records First Homicide of 2024 Following Shooting Incident in St. Thomas

Tragic Dawn: USVI confronts first homicide of 2024 amidst nighttime shooting

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ST. THOMAS — The U.S. Virgin Islands reported its first homicide of the year 2024 early on Sunday. Authorities were notified by the V.I. Police Department's ShotSpotter system at approximately 3:05 a.m. of multiple gunshots in the vicinity of Post Office Square in St. Thomas.

Following the alert, several 911 calls were made by citizens reporting the gunfire, with reports of at least two individuals being shot. The victims were reportedly transported to Schneider Regional Medical Center by private vehicles.

Upon arrival at the hospital, both gunshot victims were given immediate medical attention. The first victim, 23-year-old Jahnni B. Thompson, suffered at least one gunshot wound to the upper body. Despite prompt medical intervention, Thompson tragically passed away due to the severity of his injuries.

The second victim, whose name has not been released, was subsequently transferred to SRMC and is currently being treated. The individual is listed in stable condition.

The VIPD said it is actively conducting an investigation into the shooting. They are urging anyone with information about the incident to come forward and assist by contacting the VIPD at (340-774-2211) or the Criminal Investigation Unit's Major Crimes Division at 340-642-8449. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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