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Update: Mass Shooting at Embers Guest House Leaves One Dead, Five Injured

A shooting in Embers Guest House left one person dead and five injured. VIPD, VIFEMS, and St. Thomas Rescue responded to the scene, and authorities are urging anyone with information to contact investigators as the case remains under active investigation

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Ambulance responding to Embers Guest House shooting on Dec. 21, 2024.

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ST. THOMAS, USVI — A mass shooting at Embers Guest House on Saturday, December 21, has left one person dead and five others injured. The Virgin Islands Police Department confirmed the incident, which remains under active investigation. *The VIPD had previously reported that the*

incident occurred in Contant Knolls.

According to preliminary reports, the VIPD was alerted to the gunfire by the ShotSpotter detection system. Shortly after, citizens called 911 to report multiple victims at the scene. Glen Dratte, the VIPD's director of communications, said emergency responders, including VIPD officers, Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services (VIFEMS), and St. Thomas Rescue, rushed to the area to provide aid.

Five individuals were treated for gunshot wounds, while one person was pronounced dead at the scene. Details about the victims' identities and conditions were not immediately released, and the identity of the deceased is being withheld until next of kin are notified.

The VIPD stated that the investigation is ongoing and urged anyone with information about the shooting to come forward. Tips can be reported to the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 340-774-2211, anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or by calling 911 directly. .

The homicide carried the territory's total for 2024 to 44, with 24 in St. Thomas and 20 on St. Croix

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