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15-Year-Old Arrested in Fatal Christiansted Boardwalk Shooting of Local Comedian Jordan “Dutty Heart” Jones

A 15-year-old male has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder and other serious offenses in connection with the fatal shooting of comedian Jordan “Dutty Heart” Jones; VIPD credits swift police work and community tips.

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VIPD units, on scene of shooting near the Christiansted Boardwalk, investigate the area where two men were shot—one fatally—on Thursday afternoon. By. V.I. CONSORTIUM.

ST. CROIX — The V.I. Police Department has confirmed the arrest of a 15-year-old male in connection with the fatal shooting of beloved local comedian and artist Jordan “Dutty Heart”

Jones, which took place in broad daylight on the Christiansted Boardwalk on Thursday.

According to a news release issued by the VIPD, the minor was taken into custody by the department's Criminal Investigations Bureau and is facing a slate of serious charges, including first-degree murder, first-degree robbery, first-degree assault, reckless endangerment, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime.

The suspect has been transported to the Youth Rehabilitation Center (YRC), where he will be held pending an upcoming court hearing.

"This heartbreaking event unfolded in broad daylight, shaking our community," said Acting Police Commissioner Sean Santos. "The young man who lost his life did so under circumstances that are both shocking and deeply saddening. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of the victims during this difficult time".

Mr. Jones, widely known across the Virgin Islands for his comedic skits, music, and cultural commentary under the stage name "Dutty Heart," was fatally shot during a confrontation on the Christiansted Boardwalk around 12:52 p.m. Thursday. He later died from multiple gunshot wounds at the Juan F. Luis Hospital.

Another individual was injured during the altercation, suffering non-life-threatening injuries.

Police say the arrest was made possible thanks to both the rapid work of VIPD investigators and critical tips provided by community members. "Thanks to the swift response and unwavering dedication of the men and women of the Virgin Islands Police Department, along with the residents who provided crucial information, we were able to quickly identify and apprehend the suspect involved in this heinous crime," said Commissioner Santos.

The department emphasized the ongoing nature of the investigation and urged anyone with further information to come forward. Tips can be submitted anonymously by calling 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 340-778-2211, or Crime Stoppers VI at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). All information will be treated confidentially.

"We remain committed to standing firm against violence and working toward a safer Virgin Islands for everyone," the department stated.