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28-Year-Old Man Fatally Shot in Oswald Harris Court; VIPD Investigating Thursday Morning Homicide

A 28-year-old man was fatally shot early Thursday morning in Oswald Harris Court after initial 911 calls reported a hit-and-run collision followed by gunfire; police are seeking information as the investigation into the fatal shooting remains active.

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Scene of the crime at the Oswald Harris Court housing community in St. Thomas.

ST. THOMAS — A deadly shooting early Thursday morning has left a 28-year-old man dead, following a series of emergency calls that began with reports of a hit-and-run incident in the Oswald Harris Court housing community.

Glen Dratte, the VIPD's director of communications, confirmed that at approximately 2:48 a.m. on Thursday, the Criminal Investigation Bureau received a 911 call from a male reporting a hit-and-run collision near Oswald Harris Court (OHC). Moments later, additional calls came in reporting gunshots fired in the same area.

Patrol officers responded swiftly, arriving on the scene to discover a Black male lying unresponsive. The man had suffered multiple gunshot wounds to his body. He was transported by emergency personnel to the Schneider Regional Medical Center, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The victim has since been identified by next of kin as Shyiane Degallerie, a 28-year-old male.

The territory has experienced 17 total homicides for the year: 9 on St. Croix and 8 on St. Thomas, according to Mr. Dratte.

As of now, no arrests have been made and the identity of the suspect or suspects remains unknown. The Major Crimes Unit of the VIPD is actively investigating the case and urges the public to come forward with any information that may assist in solving the homicide.

Anyone with knowledge of this crime is asked to contact the Virgin Islands Police Department at (340) 774-2211 or the Major Crimes Unit directly at (340) 714-9804. Anonymous tips can also be submitted through Crime Stoppers USVI at 1-800-222-8477 or by calling 911.