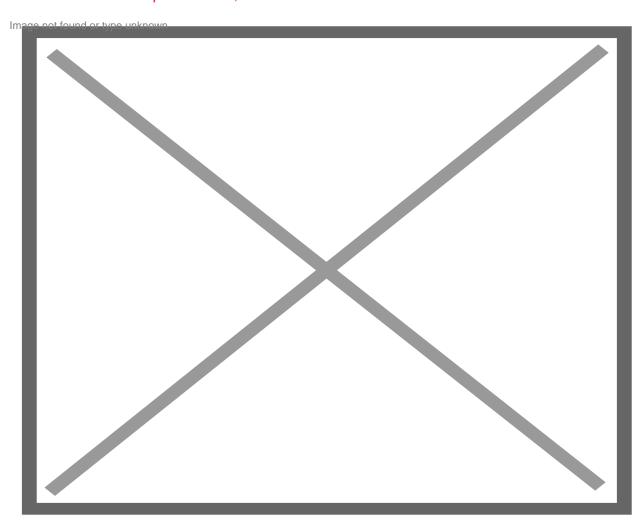
St. Croix Recording Artist Lynda "Nikki" Brooks Hospitalized After Serious Crash Near Kingshill

Brooks described blacking out on impact, struggling to escape her smoke-filled car, and being aided by strangers who stayed with her until family arrived. She credited God's timing and thanked the community for their quick support after the accident.

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The vehicle Lynda "Nikki" Brooks was traveling in near the Kingshill Post Office on St. Croix sustained heavy damage in Thursday's crash, which left the artist hospitalized and grateful for bystanders who rushed to her aid.

ST. CROIX — Popular St. Croix recording artist Lynda "Nikki" Brooks was hospitalized Thursday afternoon following a serious vehicular accident near the Kingshill Post Office. The

crash occurred shortly after 4:00 p.m. on September 18 and left the entertainer shaken but thankful to be alive.

Speaking to the Consortium from the hospital, Brooks described the fear and confusion she experienced immediately after the collision. "On impact I blacked out and got up when I heard someone ask if I was ok. I was scared, thought I was not going to come out the car. It was a lot of smoke and steam, I was screaming and fighting to get the car open and it wouldn't," she recalled.

She explained that she managed to push against the door until it created a small space. "I started pushing and a lil space open and I squeezed out and fell down," she said.

Brooks expressed gratitude for the strangers who rushed to her aid. "All I know that a lady and her family came to help me up and wouldn't leave my side. I don't know her name but I know she kept me and ensured me I will be okay," she said.

Others also stopped to assist. "Several people stopped and held me an assured me I was okay. God is Always on time. I thank everyone that held me and got through to my family," Brooks added.

Details about the extent of her injuries were not immediately available, but Brooks confirmed she was receiving medical care following the incident.

The crash has drawn wide attention from fans and community members across St. Croix, where Brooks is known both for her music career and her presence in the Virgin Islands cultural scene.

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