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Employee of a La Reine Convenience Store Airlifted After Being Attacked With Box Cutter by Customer; Police on Hunt for Suspect

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Police investigate incident at Cash & Carry Store in Estate La Reine on Monday afternoon. By. ERNICE GILBERT/VI CONSORTIUM

ST. CROIX — An employee of the Cash & Carry store located in Estate La Reine was airlifted for medical treatment after being attacked by a customer with a box cutter, police spokesman Toby Derima made known Thursday.

Mr. Derima said that on Monday at around 2:50 p.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center dispatched officers to a physical disturbance at the Cash & Carry store.

A customer at the store reportedly attacked the store employee with a box cutter. The employee sustained multiple lacerations during the incident, with one of the injuries potentially life-threatening.

The employee, attempting to defend himself during the attack, armed himself with bottles and swung, causing injuries to the customer, according to Mr. Derima.

Both individuals were transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital for treatment, but because of the seriousness of the employee's injuries, he was airlifted.

The suspect, however, was released from the hospital and Mr. Derima said V.I.P.D. officers were attempting to arrest him.

This case is under investigation. The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information regarding this incident to call 911, the Crime TipLine at (340) 778-4950, or Crime Stoppers USVI with an anonymous tip [here](#).