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21-Year-Old Man Killed in Shooting Near St. Croix Superior Court as USVI Homicide Count Reaches 31

Angel Rodriguez III, 21, was found shot in a vehicle at the entrance to the Superior Court parking lot Monday afternoon. His death marks the 18th homicide on St. Croix and the 31st territorywide in 2026; St. Thomas has recorded 13. CIB is investigating.

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Emergency vehicles and police tape surround the scene near the St. Croix Superior Court Monday afternoon following the fatal shooting of 21-year-old Angel Rodriguez III, the territory's 31st homicide of 2026. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ST. CROIX — A 21-year-old man was fatally shot near the Superior Court on St. Croix Monday afternoon, marking the island's 18th homicide of 2026 and the 31st across the U.S. Virgin Islands this year. St. Thomas has recorded 13 homicides.

The V.I. Police Department identified the victim as Angel Rodriguez III after notification of his next of kin.

According to VIPD Director of Communications Glen Dratte, the St. Croix 911 Emergency Call Center received several reports of shots fired at the Superior Court at approximately 2:06 p.m. Monday.

Callers reported that a male victim had sustained multiple gunshot wounds.

When officers arrived, they found Rodriguez unresponsive inside a vehicle at the parking lot entrance. Emergency Medical Services personnel responded and confirmed that he had died from his injuries.

The Criminal Investigation Bureau is actively investigating the shooting as a homicide.

VIPD is asking anyone with information about the killing to contact 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 340-778-2211, or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).