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## Shootout With Police In Sunny Isle Leaves Two Suspects Wounded (Update)

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**Update:** New information provided by police spokesperson Melody Rames confirms that there was one other suspect, apart from the three *VI Consortium* reported earlier, who was involved in the attempted robbery and shootout in Sunny Isle, St. Croix. Of the four males, there was only one adult, while the remaining three were minors -- the youngest being 14-years-old. All suspects were apprehended.

### Earlier

A shootout in Sunny Isle Shopping Center on Saturday has left two of three suspects wounded after they attempted to rob the Cleopatra Gift Shop and engaged police officers

in a gun battle while trying to escape, Deputy Chief of Police Arthur Hector, Sr. told the *VI Consortium* at the crime scene. The incident occurred around midday.

Upon arrival at the scene of the incident, this reporter saw shoppers clustered near the Cleopatra Gift Shop -- outside the crime scene line -- observing what had just taken place. By the time *VI Consortium* arrived, the wounded suspects had already been transported to the nearby Juan F. Luis Hospital. Hector said he was uncertain if the men were in stable condition.















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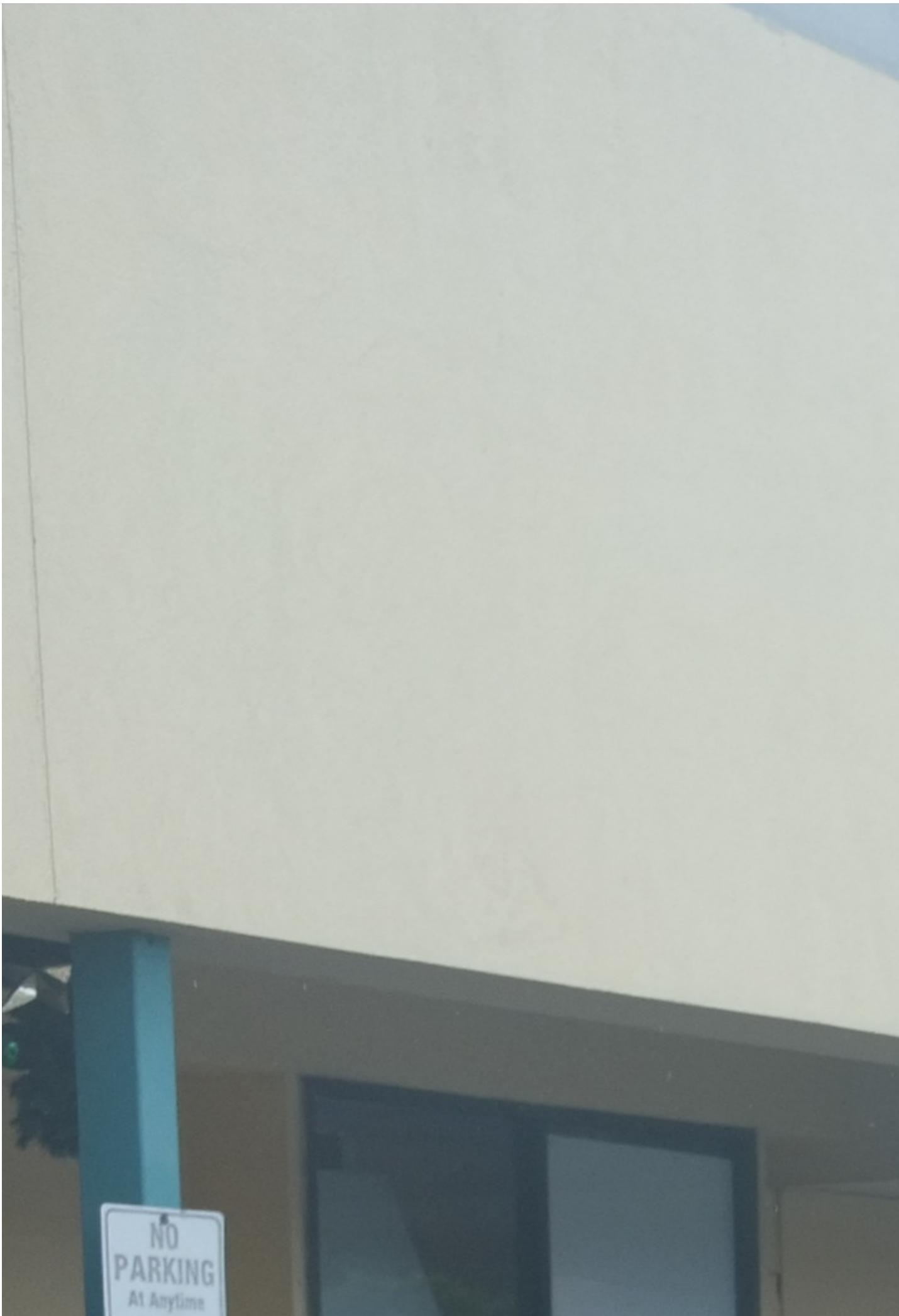
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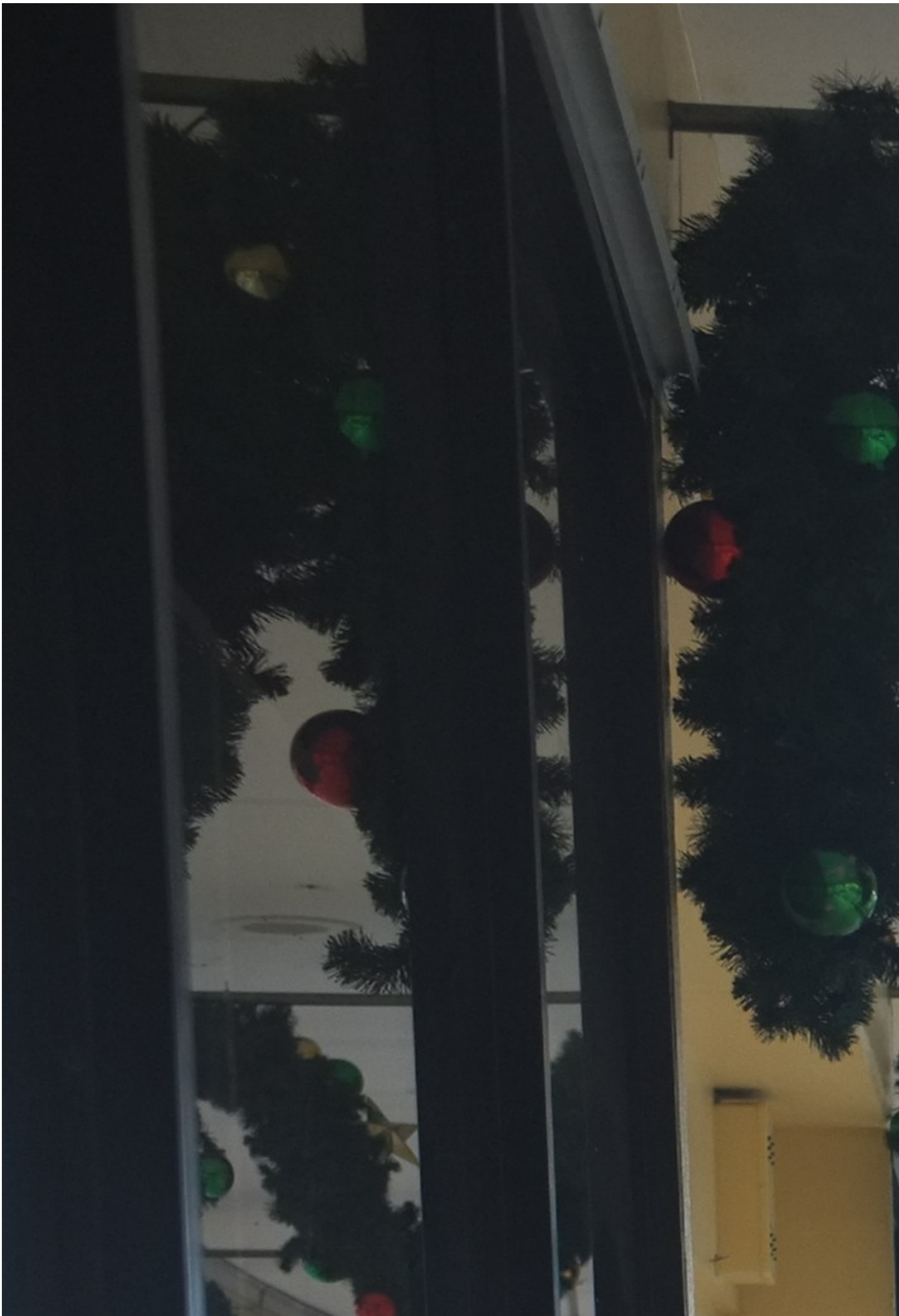




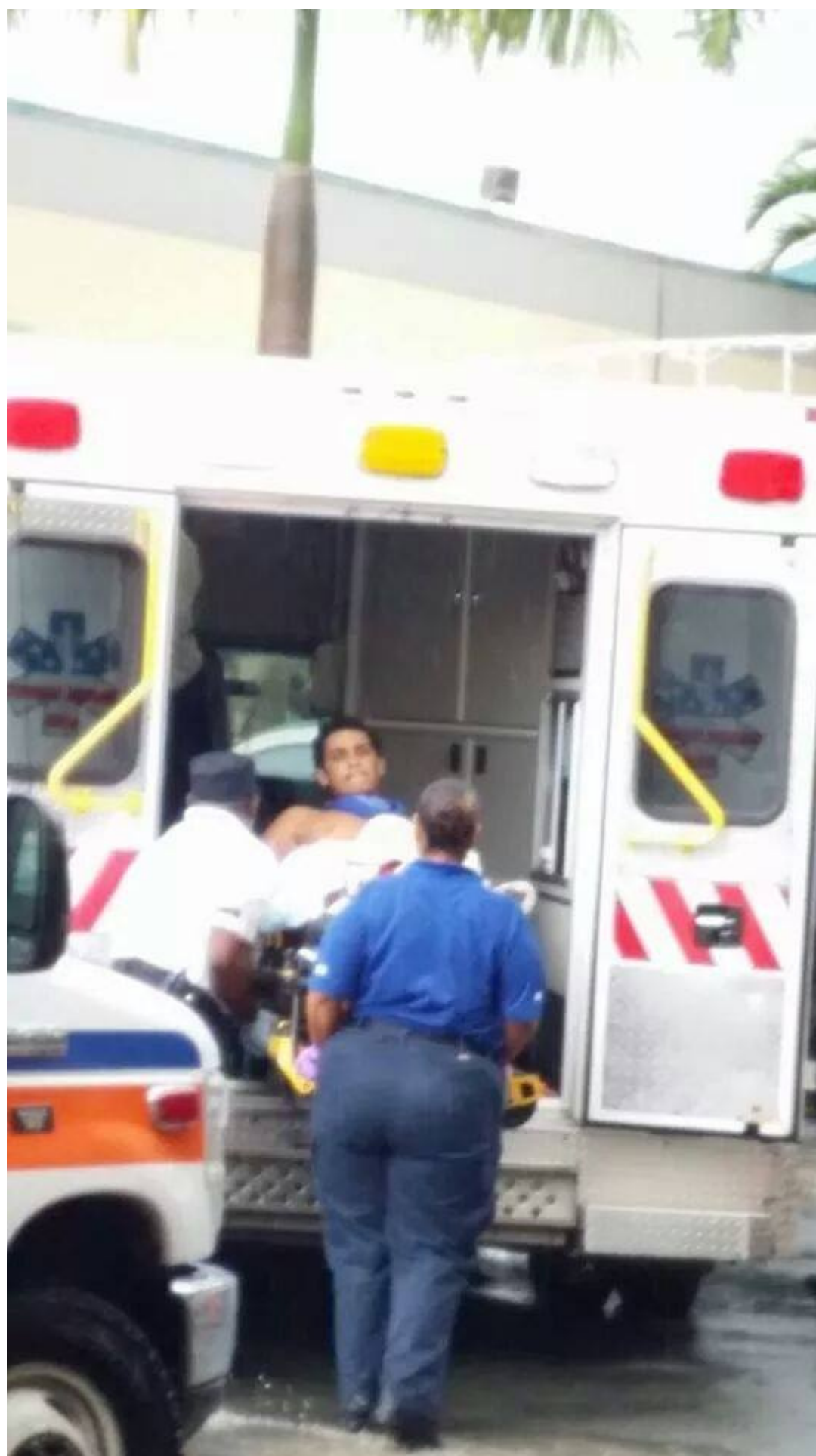






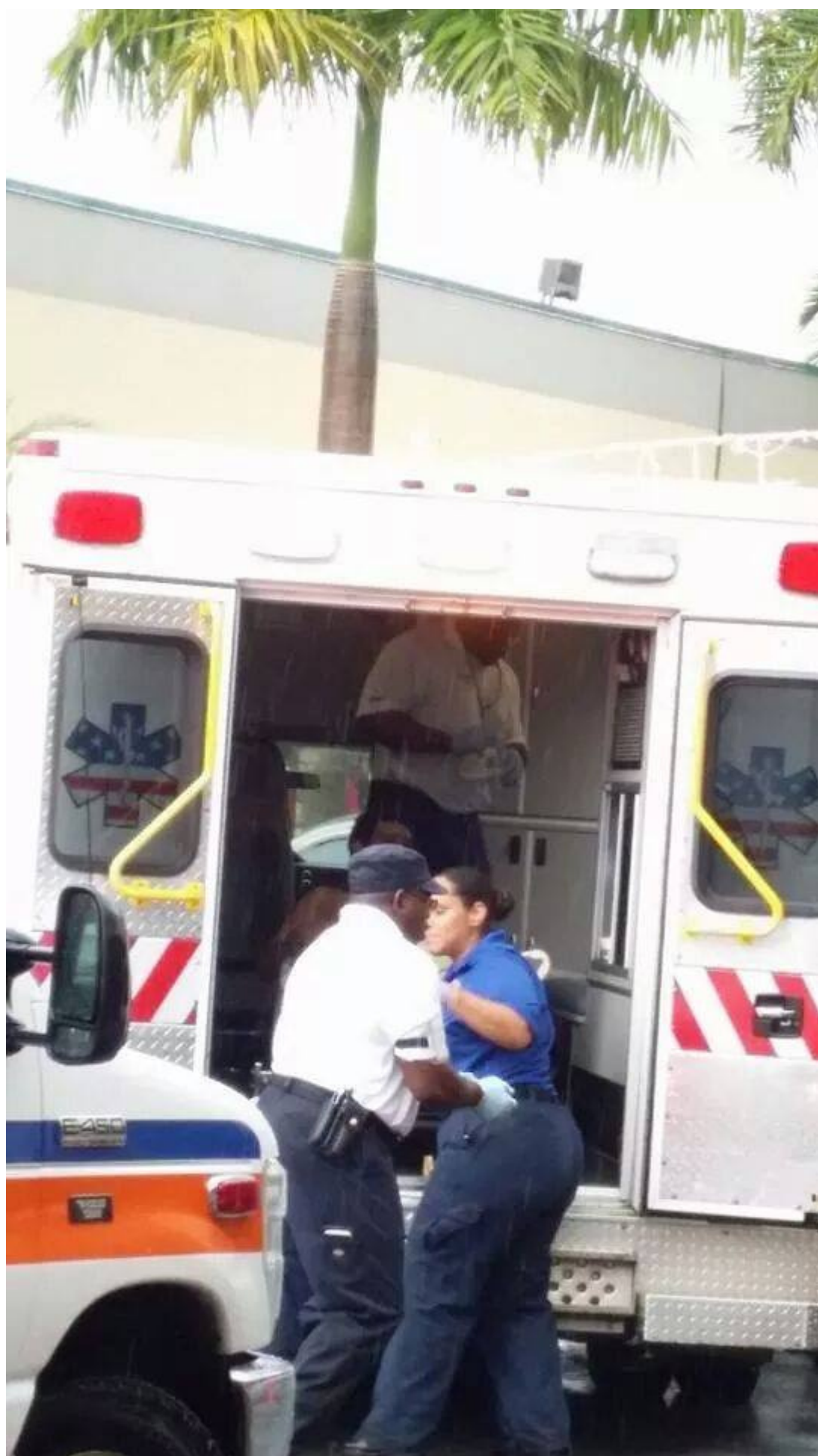






















The deputy chief told *VI Consortium* the men engaged police first while trying to escape and police responded with shots of their own. However, one security guard on the scene told the *VI Consortium* the suspects did not fire shots, but he later alluded that the suspects were armed. Hector would not reveal how many suspects were involved, saying that the investigation was in its preliminary stages; however, the security guard said there were three suspects.

The scene was swamped with police from one end of the shopping center to the next. Certain parking lot entrances were blocked off as detectives combed the crime scene. One woman, who appeared to be a relative to the owners of Cleopatra Gift Shop, left the store with tears in her eyes, overwhelmed, it seemed, by what had taken place.

*VI Consortium* will continue to seek information and update this story as more information becomes available.