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Rape Investigation Underway On St. Thomas

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Police on St. Thomas are investigating a rape that occurred in Frenchtown during the early hours of Wednesday morning, VIPD Public Information Officer Kevin Jackson announced Thursday.

Jackson said officers were called to the Roy L. Schneider Regional Medical Center at 7 a.m. on Feb. 11 on a report of a victim of rape being treated.

According to the victim, she had been walking on the roadway behind a bar-restaurant in Frenchtown at around 5:40 in the morning when she was approached by a black male with dreadlocks who asked to borrow a cigarette lighter.

The victim complied and the suspect returned the lighter, but then forcibly grabbed the victim in a chokehold, dragging her into the nearby bushes and raping her. The suspect ran off in the direction of the Oceana Restaurant, as the victim made her way toward the Frenchtown Fish Market in search of help.

Detectives with the Investigation Bureau are investigating the incident.

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