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Man, Woman, Shot In Frederiksted By Men Dressed In Black

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ST. CROIX -- Two individuals were shot several times on Friday night at the Walter IM Hodge Housing Community in Frederiksted, after six gunmen, all dressed in black, came up to the victims, who were sitting in a parked car, and started firing shots, VIPD Public Information Officer Kevin Jackson announced this morning.

According to Jackson, preliminary reports indicate that at about 11:54 p.m., the 911 emergency call center received notification of someone having been shot in the area of White Bay. Upon arrival on the scene, officers discovered a black male who'd sustained a gunshot wound to the left side of his upper body, a female with a gunshot wound to the left leg, and another male who as unharmed.

Preliminary reports also indicated that the two shooting victims, along with a third passenger, had just returned to their residence located in the Walter IM Hodge Housing Community.

While the trio were sitting in the parked vehicle, the six men emerged and opened fire, prompting the victims to rev away and escape to the White Bay area to seek assistance.

The victims were identified as Jah-heem Lee, 20 of Estate Mt. Pleasant-West; Shamara Santana, 40 of Walter IM Hodge Pavilion; and Said Wallace, 18 of Walter IM Hodge Pavilion, the daughter of Shamara Santana, who was also in the vehicle but escaped gunfire.

The wounded were transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center's emergency room for further treatment.

Detectives and Officers are continuing their investigation into the occurrence.