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Man Drowns At Cramer Park Beach

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ST. CROIX -- An African American male was found lifeless on the shore of Cramer Park beach on Wednesday, VIPD Public Information Officer Kevin Jackson announced this afternoon.

According to Jackson, at about 6:35 p.m. yesterday, officers on regular patrol were dispatched to Cramer Park Beach to investigate a possible drowning.

Officers arrived at the beach and observed the still body of a middle-aged, African-American male, lying in the sand, clad in a white tee-shirt and denim short-pants. Also at the scene were a man and woman, friends of the apparent drowning victim who explained to officers that the three of them had been partying and drinking on the beach,

and the pair had taken the deceased into the ocean to wash him off.

According to the report, the friends left the man alone for no more than five minutes, noticed he was missing and began searching for him in the water. The two discovered his body on the sandy bottom of the shoreline after a ten minute search, pulled him onto the shore and attempted to perform CPR to no avail.

The body was transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center and was pronounced dead at 8:15 p.m.

The victim's identity has not been released pending notification of next of kin.

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