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Man Shot Multiple Times In Castle Coakley; Dies At Hospital

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ST. CROIX -- A man was shot multiple times in Castle Coakley on Friday night, and later succumbed to his wounds at the Juan F. Luis Hospital, Police Commissioner Delroy Richards, Sr., confirmed to The Consortium on Saturday.

Mr. Richards said V.I.P.D. officers were notified by the 911 emergency call center of gunshots being fired just after 8:00 p.m. on Friday. A subsequent call revealed that a man had been injured by gunfire in the same area, located just past Thomas Bakery, heading south.

Upon arrival on the scene, officers met a black male, identified by police as 36-year-old Darien Griffin, lying on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds about his body. A 9mm weapon was also recovered on the scene, but Mr. Richards said investigators had not yet determined who the weapon belongs to. Ambulance was summoned to the location and immediately transported Mr. Griffin to the hospital, where he died moments after arrival.

Mr. Griffin, who was also a resident of Castle Coakley, was incarcerated in 2012 and had just been released from prison, according to Mr. Richards.

Police are continuing their investigation into the matter, and are asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Major Crimes Unit at 340-714-9823 ext. 5617, Criminal Investigation Bureau at 340-714-9807 ext. 5556, Crime Stoppers or the Office of the Police Chief at 340-774-2211

Feature Image: In the distance, police investigators gather evidence at the Castle Coakley crime scene.

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