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Bike Accident On Highway Leaves Male And Female Victims Dead

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ST. CROIX -- An accident that occurred on the Melvin Evans Highway just after 8:00 p.m. on Friday resulted in the deaths of two victims -- male and female Caucasians, with the male victim dying on the scene and the female succumbing to her wounds at the Juan F. Luis Hospital, Police Commissioner Delroy Richards confirmed to The Consortium late Friday.

Upon arrival on the scene, a Consortium reporter saw the body of the male victim lying motionless under a railing on the highway, on the incline just east of the entrance that leads to the Ricardo Richards Elementary School.

According to Mr. Richards, the victims were riding a moped and were struck from the back by a truck, which caused the victims to be thrust forward, leaving the rider dead on the spot and the female victim clinging to life. She later died at the hospital, Mr. Richards said.

The scene was overwhelmed with police officers, EMTs, Fire Service personnel and St. Croix Rescue at one point. Motorists driving from east to west slowed down, curious to know what had occurred. The moped was completely mangled, a sign of the intensity of the crash.

Mr. Richards said the vehicle that struck the moped was part of the investigation, and that the driver was still on the scene.

The victims names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Feature Image: V.I.P.D. and emergency personnel investigate Friday night's deadly accident.

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