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Unsolved Crime: Man Gunned Down At Residence In Castle Coakley

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Crime Stoppers USVI has restarted its "Crime of the Week" initiative in an effort to keep at the forefront crimes committed that remain unsolved. On Thursday, one item was released: [A man who was shot to death at his residence in St. Croix on March 3, 2016.](#)

According to Police Commissioner Delroy Richards, 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, March 3. 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 near his residence 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 belonged to. An 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.

A male individual approximately five feet, eight inches in height, with a slim build, medium complexion and short dreadlocks was seen leaving the area of the crime, according to the Crime Stoppers release. Detectives believe that members of the community may have critical information that will further this investigation.

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 (Credit: VIC).