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Decaying Body Found In Abandoned House In Whim; Cause Of Death To Be Determined

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ST. CROIX -- The decomposing body of a man was found in an abandoned house in Estate Whim this afternoon, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glen Dratte has made known via press release.

According to Mr. Dratte, at approximately 12:02 pm today, police officers were dispatched by the 911 emergency call center to investigate a foul odor emanating from an abandoned house in Estate Whim, where a black male vagrant had been known to squat.

Upon arrival to the scene, officers made contact with a concerned resident living in the area, who stated that he passed by the property, smelled a foul odor, went inside the abandon property and discovered a body.

Upon further investigation, officers observed a deceased body of a black male individual in the abandon house lying on a mattress, according to the release. The V.I.P.D.'s forensic team processed the scene, and the body was then transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital by Department of Justice agents.

During the investigation at the scene, police were not able to immediately determine whether or not foul play was involved, according to the release.

The case has been referred to the Criminal Investigation Bureau for further examination.