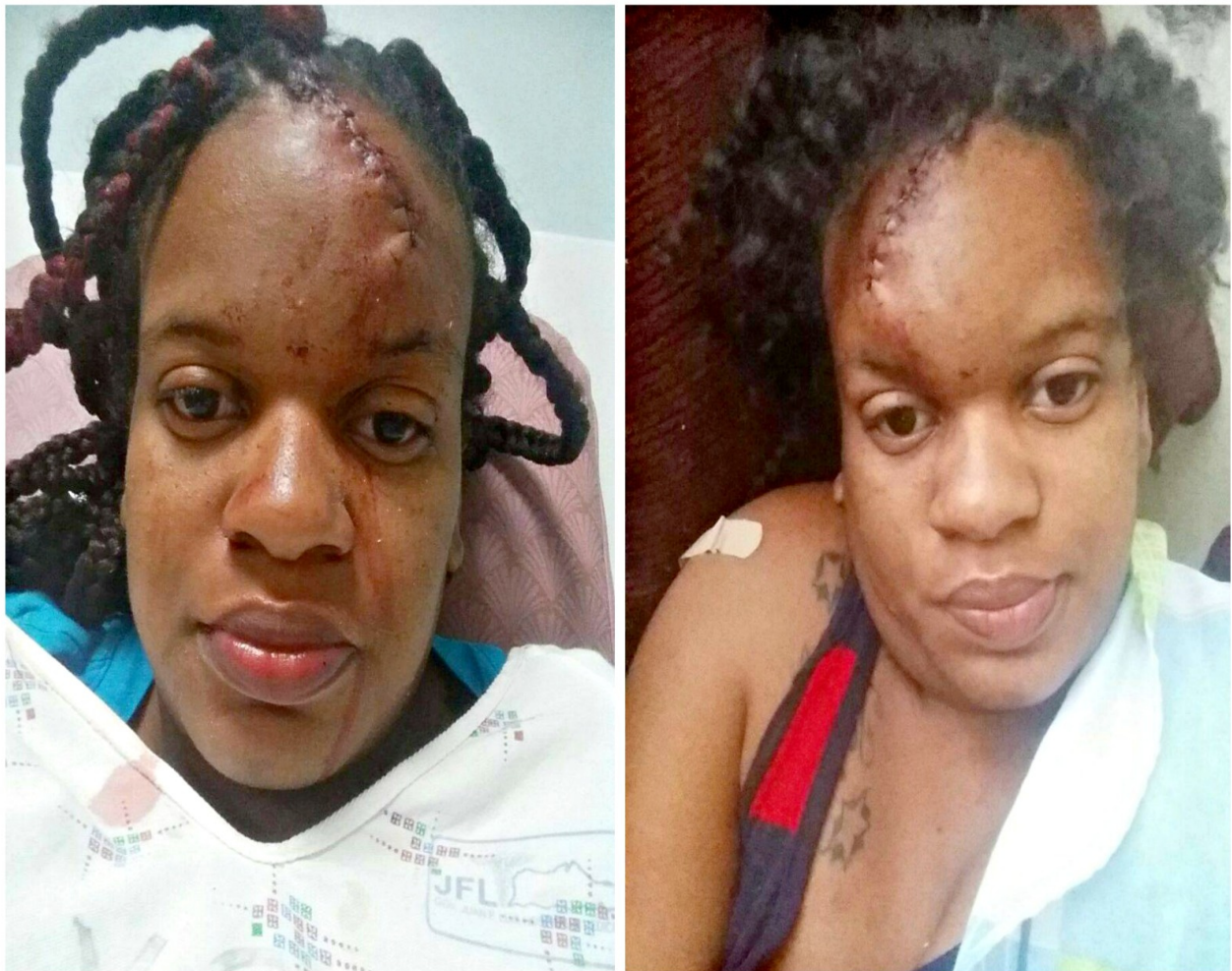


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Police Nab Girlfriend Beater; Victim Makes Available Pictures Of Assault Wounds

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ST. CROIX -- The Virgin Islands Police Department on Tuesday night at about 7:05 p.m. captured a man [who had viciously assaulted his girlfriend](#), V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glen Dratte announced late Wednesday.

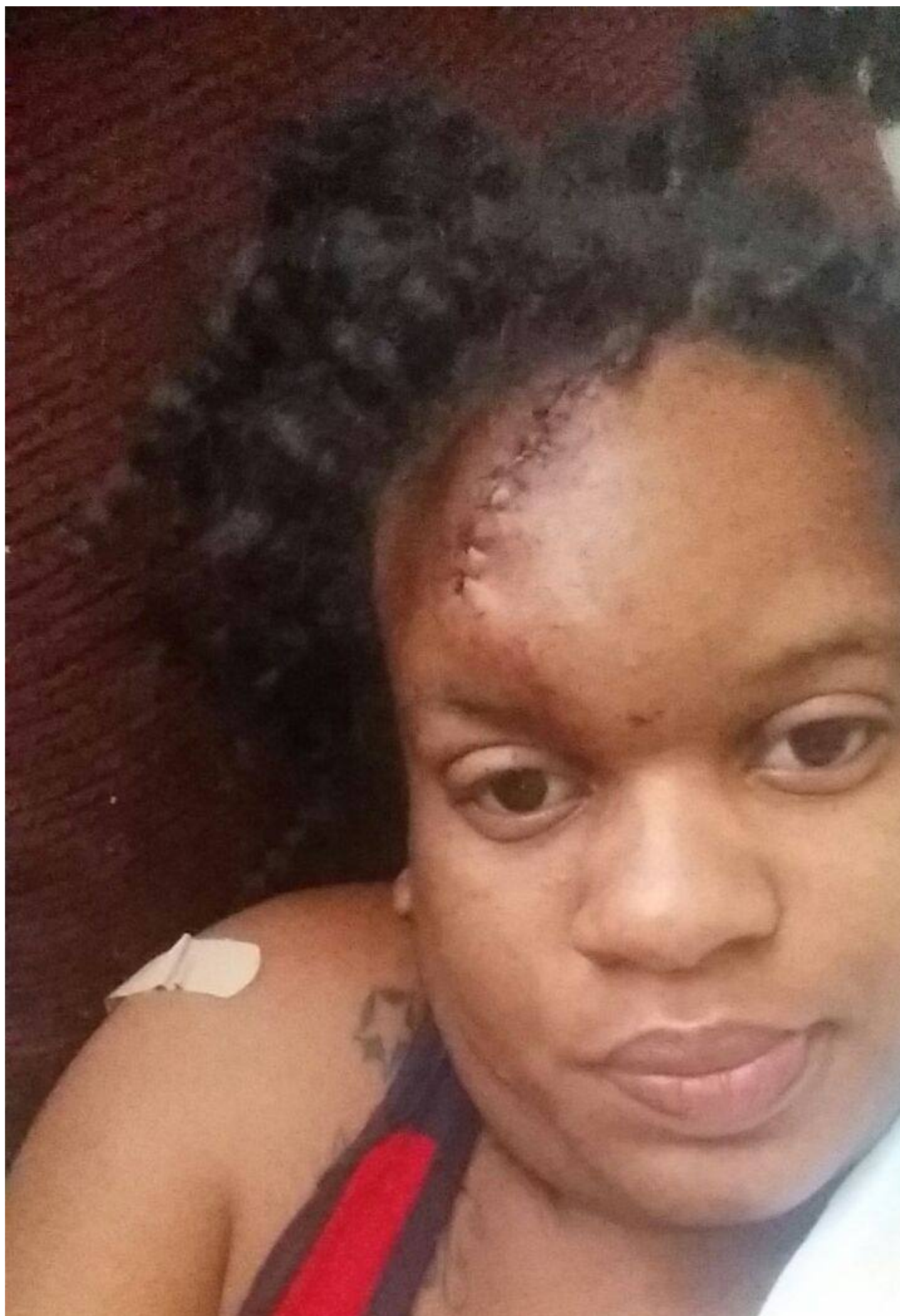
According to Mr. Dratte, [33-year-old Jamal Gould](#) was wanted by police on domestic violence charges after he assaulted his girlfriend a week ago by punching her several times in the face, and kicking her multiple times while she was on the floor. Mr. Gould also slammed the victim's head to the floor, according to police. The victim sustained injury to the forehead.

The V.I.P.D.'s Criminal investigation Bureau and Special Operations team captured Mr. Gould in Lorraine Village. He was charged with third-degree assault, according to police.

The victim, who contacted The Consortium and gave the publication permission to use her name and pictures showing wounds of the assault, said she was glad to know that Mr. Gould had been apprehended by police.

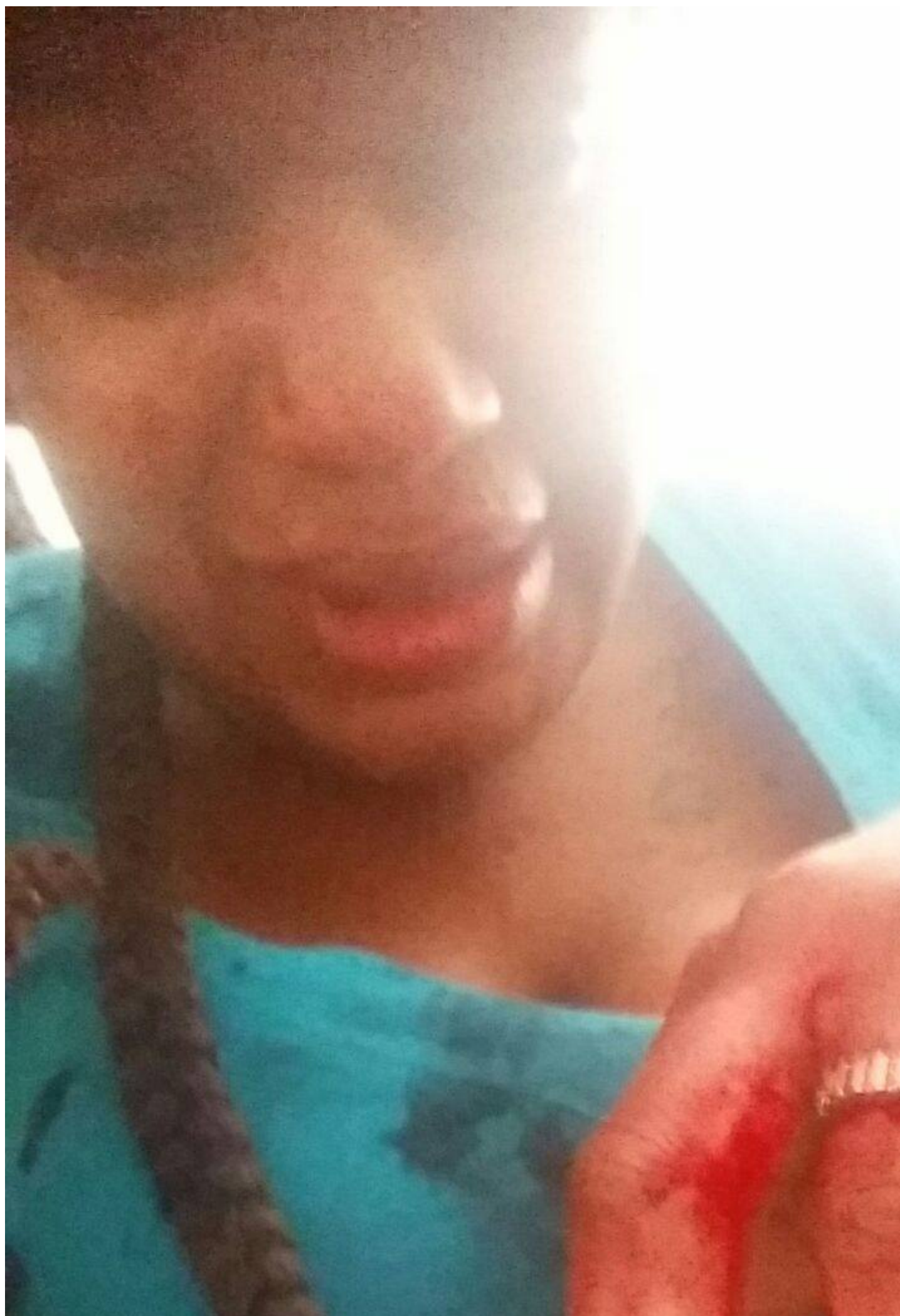
"I just want to make sure that I can walk without him looking at me," the victim, Carrel McBean, said.

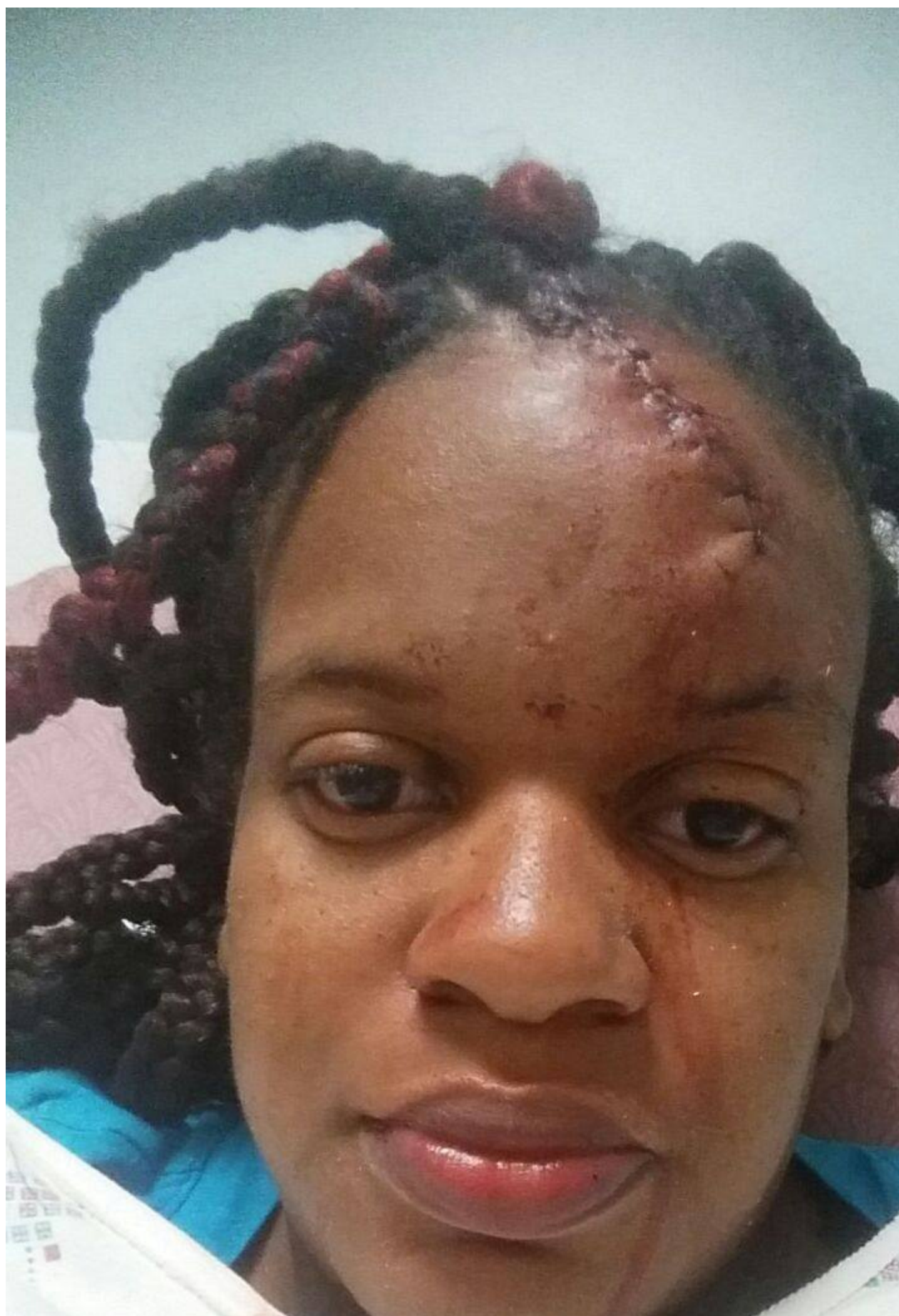
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St. Croix Police Chief Winsbut McFarland said in a statement that the force had noticed a rise in domestic violence incidents, and he urged parties involved to avoid such encounters.

"[We have] seen a rise in domestic violence, and [we're] urging victims regardless of gender to avoid physical confrontation during misunderstandings. The V.I.P.D. is actively pursuing all cases pertaining to domestic violence," Chief McFarland said.

Unable to make bail of \$25,000, Mr. Gould was remanded to the Golden Grove Detention Center pending his advise-of-rights hearing.

Police are asking victims of domestic violence to come forward by contacting the V.I.P.D. at 340-778-2211, or by calling the Victims' Advocates office at 340-643-0295.