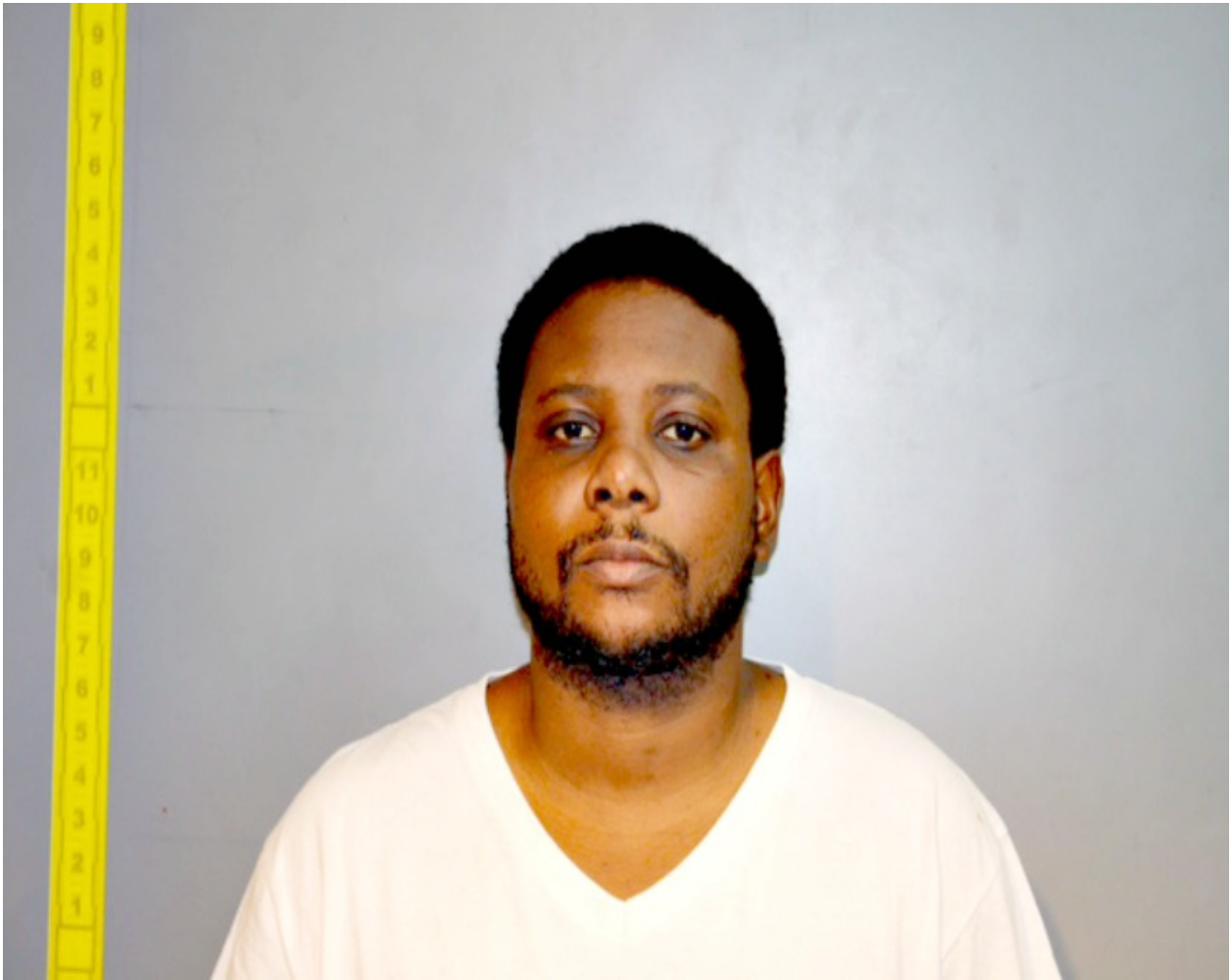


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Hams Bluff Double Homicide Of Officers: V.I.P.D. 'Fully Prepared' To Move Forward With Case

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Mugshot of Francis Williams, provided by the V.I.P.D.

Police Commissioner Delroy Richards on Wednesday said that the V.I.P.D. is ready to move forward with the [Hams Bluff double homicide case](#), where two police officers were found dead, their bodies punctured with gunshot wounds.

The case is "pending court trial, that's all it is," Mr. Richards said, stating that he did not know for sure when the trial would begin. "I don't know if there are briefs being submitted by parties; I haven't the slightest idea. All I know is that the individual is arrested,

obviously based on a warrant [and] it's before the courts. Whenever that date is I have not the slightest idea, but I know we're fully prepared to go to trial."

Asked whether the force had collected additional evidence since the suspect, former Police Officer Francis Williams Jr., above -- who the V.I.P.D. has charged with the murder of police officers Kai Javois and Lesha Lammy -- was arrested, Mr. Richards would not say. "I can confirm that obviously we did what we had to and the matter is before the courts, and whenever they set the trial date both attorneys will be able to move forward and we'll take this matter to court and see what happens," the commissioner said.

Mr. Williams was arrested at 1:43 p.m. on September 8, 2016, and charged with first-degree murder, first-degree assault, false imprisonment, stalking domestic violence, aggravated assault, battery domestic violence, and carrying and using a dangerous weapon during the commission of a crime, according to V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glen Dratte. Bail for Mr. Williams was set at \$2 million by Superior Court Judge Robert A. Molloy.

Mr. Williams, who had long been a suspect of the double homicide, [was previously charged with stalking and released on \\$50,00 bond](#). Court documents made available during the force's probable cause hearing against Mr. Williams shed light on how the V.I.P.D. was able to secure the charge against Mr. Williams, and build a case that led to the charges and arrest last year.

According to these documents — via a statement from Detective Frankie Ortiz — Mr. Williams, obsessed with Ms. Lammy, had stolen her car keys, which he then gave back after Ms. Lammy's mother demanded it. Just two days later — even after Ms. Lammy had declared that the relationship was over — Mr. Williams asked for her hand in marriage. She rejected him.

On July 29, Ms. Lammy and Mr. Javois were dancing together at [Chris Hideaway](#), a popular nightclub and sports bar in Christiansted. Not liking the scene, Mr. Williams cut between the two officers and attempted to separate them. Officer Sharon Santiago, one of Ms. Lammy's friends, told Mr. Ortiz that she grabbed Ms. Lammy to go have a drink. The two then went outside, where Ms. Lammy told Ms. Santiago that she had ended her relationship with Mr. Williams two weeks prior, but that Mr. Williams kept incessantly messaging her. She then blocked Mr. Williams phone number, but Mr. Williams used a workaround to contact her: he blocked his number from showing up on caller ID, according to Ms. Santiago.

Escalating situation

According to the probable cause fact sheet, a day before the bodies of Ms. Lammy and Mr. Javois were discovered at the Hams Bluff beach, Ms. Lammy told Ms. Santiago, Melissa Gilbert (another police officer) and her mother Mrs. Silas, about an incident between Mr. Williams and Mr. Javois.

Mr. Williams was riding with another police officer, Karishma Smith, when Mr. Williams went off duty with a police cruiser, drove it to the home of Ms. Lammy in Frederiksted, and proceeded to block Ms. Lammy and Mr. Javois from leaving, according to Ms. Smith.

She said that Mr. Javois was able to maneuver his vehicle around the police cruiser and went straightaway to file a police report, which was caught on surveillance camera at the V.I.P.D.'s Rainbow Complex at about 12:10 p.m. that day, according to Mr. Ortiz.

Mr. Williams allegedly became furious, hastily turning the police vehicle around and headed back to the police station in the Rainbow Complex. He then stopped at the Hannah's Rest stop lights before arriving at the Rainbow Complex.

"Officer K. Smith indicated that, while at the Hannah's Rest traffic light, Officer F. Williams saw [Officers Kai Javois and Lesha Lammy] in the parking lot of the police station and turned around and left the area," Mr. Ortiz wrote.

Mr. Ortiz said although Ms. Lammy spoke to Officer Mario Christian about the incident, she failed to file a formal complaint.

Ms. Lammy, 30, joined the police force on December 13, 2010 as a police recruit. She left behind three young children. Mr. Javoi, 28, joined the force as a police recruit on May 11, 2015.