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Sion Farm Shooting leaves Man Dead; Shooter Placed Under Arrest

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Scene of shooting in Sion Farm on Wednesday, July 29 that left Shamal Riviere, 30, dead. By. VI CONSORTIUM

ST. CROIX — A shooting incident that occurred in Sion Farm near a corner store in the vicinity of the Lew Muckle Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon, left one man dead after he sustained at least six gunshot wounds about his body.

The Consortium learned of the incident and a reporter traveled to the scene, where a number of police vehicles could be seen along with residents of the area and grieving family members.

V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima said the 911 Emergency Call Center received a call at 4:07 p.m. concerning the incident. Officers were immediately dispatched to the area to

investigate.

Upon their arrival, police found an unresponsive black male with gunshot wounds, Mr. Derima said. A source with first-hand knowledge of the matter said the victim was shot at least six times.



Mugshot of Anselmo Cruse (VIPD)

According to Mr. Derima, an individual on the scene told police that he shot the victim. "Based on the individual's statement and additional information, police placed Anselmo Cruse, 33, under arrest and charged him with voluntary manslaughter," Mr. Derima said. Cruse is said to have told police that he acted in self defense, according to a person who heard Cruse's talk with police.

The victim was identified by next of kin as Shamal Riviere, 30.

Unable to post bail of \$50,000, Cruse was remanded to the Golden Grove Detention Center pending his advisement hearing.