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Body Found In Burned Car Confirmed Through DNA To Be 21-Year-Old Naji Jarvis

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ST. CROIX -- The body of a man found in a burned vehicle has been confirmed by the Virgin Islands Police Department to be 21-year-old Naji Jarvis, who had went missing late August.

According to V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Glen Dratte, police received positive confirmation following DNA testing of the victim's identity on Saturday. Police have also classified the incident as a homicide.

On August 28, V.I.P.D. Commissioner Delroy Richards told The Consortium that a body was found on the night of August 27 in the car that Mr. Jarvis was last seen driving. The

vehicle, which was charred, was found in Williams Delight shortly before midnight. It was located in the garage of a wooden house, causing not only V.I.P.D. officers to respond, but also VI Fire Service personnel, the commissioner said.

“After the fire was doused, officers did an inspection and they determined that the car that was burnt was the car that was reported missing with a male individual a few days before,” Mr. Richards said. “A closer inspection of the car determined that there was, in fact, a burned body in the car — the body was burned beyond recognition.”

Mr. Jarvis, [according to a release the V.I.P.D. issued late August 27](#), was last seen operating a charcoal-colored 4-door Toyota Yaris.

He was a soldier in the U.S. Military said to be visiting family on a short trip.

The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information about this incident to contact the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 469-475-3871 or 340-778-2211. You may also contact Crime Stoppers USVI with an anonymous tip [here](#).