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28-Year-Old St. Croix Man Shot Dead in Williams Delight Friday is 42nd Homicide in USVI for 2020

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ST. CROIX — A 28-year-old man identified by next of kin as Olson Tyson became the 42nd homicide for 2020 in the USVI after being shot to death in Williams Delight Friday night.

According to V.I.P.D. spokesman Toby Derima, on Friday at roughly 11:09 p.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center was notified by a concerned citizen of shots fired near an establishment in William's Delight. Officers traveled to the area to investigate and found an unresponsive adult male with gunshot wounds on the ground. Emergency Medical Technicians on the scene concluded that the victim had no vital signs.

St. Croix District Chief of Police Sidney Elskoe denounced this latest shooting death, calling for an end to the gun violence in the territory. “I was on the scene of another senseless homicide and watched the anguish of another destroyed family try to comprehend the death of their loved one. It is time for the entire community to say, NO MORE! No matter how bad the situation may get, resorting to using guns to resolve differences is a tragic solution. We need to encourage our young men to put the guns down,” Chief Elskoe said. He also stated that the VIPD will use all available resources to solve this and other unsolved homicides.

The latest homicide is the 42nd territory-wide for 2020. The 41st homicide [occurred on St. Croix last week Friday](#), where a 21-year-old woman was caught in the crossfire of a shootout resulting in multiple gunshot wounds and her eventual death at the Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center.

Detectives are urging everyone with information about this incident to contact police with what they know by calling 911, the Crime TipLine at (340) 778-4950, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers USVI at (800) 222-8477. Your tips can be the information the VIPD needs to solve this crime. Remember, if you see something, say something.

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