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St. Croix Home Ransacked, Set on Fire by Assailants; Police Investigating

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ST. CROIX — A St. Croix home was burglarized, ransacked and set on fire by unknown assailants, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima has announced.

According to the news release, on Friday at about 10:45 p.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center was notified of a burglary and arson that occurred in Estate Morningstar.

An investigation revealed the home was broken into, ransacked, and set ablaze while the occupants were not home. Firefighters from the Virgin Islands Fire Service (VIFS) traveled to the scene and extinguished the fire. The occupants stated the home's entrances were secured before leaving during the afternoon. The evidence of an accelerant used during the incident led VIFS

Inspectors to classify the fire as an arson, Mr. Derima said.

The case is under investigation. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call 911, the Crime TipLine at (340) 778-4950, or Crime Stoppers USVI at (800) 222-TIPS.

"Remember, if you see something, say something," said the V.I.P.D.

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