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Separate Shootings on St. Croix Leave two Injured

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Scene of Sion Farm Shooting on April 1, 2021 By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — Two men were injured by gunfire during two separate shootings on St. Croix Thursday, announced V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima.

The first incident occurred at around 5:00 a.m. According to Mr. Derima, the 911 Emergency Call Center received a call of shots fired and a man down at a residence in Little Princesse. Officers traveled to the area and found a 35-year-old Black male in a vehicle, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

The victim reported to police that as he traveled from his residence headed to work, he heard gunfire and realized he had been injured, according to the news release. He stated that he observed a white vehicle leaving the area, but did not know who shot him.

The victim was transported to the Juan Luis Hospital & Medical Center for treatment of his injuries.

The second shooting occurred in Sion Farm during the afternoon time at around 5:20. Mr. Derima said the 911 Emergency Call Center dispatched officers to the community near the Lew Muckle Elementary School, in reference to a shooting.

An investigation into the incident revealed that a Black male was shot multiple times by an unknown gunman in the field adjacent from the school. The victim was transported to JFL via ambulance for treatment, where he was listed as being in stable condition.

Detectives are actively investigating both incidents, said Mr. Derima, and police are urging anyone who saw what happened to call 911, the Crime TipLine at (340) 778-4950, or anonymously to Crime Stoppers USVI at (800) 222-TIPS.