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## Watch Now: VIPD Holds Press Briefing Following Deadly Night on St. Croix

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**Earlier:** The Virgin Islands Police Department will hold a press briefing Tuesday morning to address two shooting incidents on St. Croix that left three men dead Monday night. Six people were shot in total.

The event will be held at 10:00 a.m. The Consortium will live on our Facebook platform and website.

The first incident, which occurred in the Aureo Diaz Heights housing community located north of the Superior Court and on the same stretch as the new soccer stadium, left four victims injured and two dead.

According to Mr. Derima, the 911 emergency call center received notification of the shooting at about 7:47 p.m. and dispatched officers to the area to investigate. Mr. Derima said the victims were transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital for treatment, where two succumbed to their injuries.

### **La Reine Shooting**

At about 9:25 p.m., reports of gunfire in La Reine near a facility across from McDonald's prompted 911 to dispatch officers to the location. Upon their arrival, one victim was found lying lifeless on the ground, and it was determined that he had no vital signs. Mr. Derima said another victim was shot but survived the incident.

### **Multiple Shootings Reported**

Residents of St. Croix have been reporting multiple shooting incidents in various parts of the island Monday night, which Mr. Derima confirmed, though he was unable to provide details of the shootings as multiple investigations were ongoing at time of writing.

Tonight's homicides brought to eighteen the USVI's total for 2021: Fifteen on St. Croix, two in St. Thomas and one on St. John. The last shooting incident, which occurred Saturday, April 10 on St .Croix, [left three injured and one dead](#).