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69-Year-Old Florida Woman Drowns at Sapphire Beach While Snorkeling With Friends

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ST. THOMAS — A woman from Jacksonville, Florida who was snorkeling at Sapphire Beach in St. Thomas with friends on June 30 was pronounced dead at the Schneider Regional Medical Center the same day, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima has confirmed to the Consortium.

According to police, on June 30 at around 12:42 p.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center dispatched officers to Sapphire Beach in reference to an unresponsive female. Mr. Derima said an investigation into the matter revealed that the woman was apparently snorkeling with friends when someone observed her floating motionless on the water. The female was removed from the water and bystanders began life-saving efforts by performing CPR.

Emergency Medical Technicians arrived on the scene and continued life-saving efforts as the woman was transported to the Schneider Regional Medical Center via ambulance. However, despite attempts to revive her, she displayed no vital signs and was pronounced dead by Schneider Emergency Room medical staff, according to Mr. Derima.

The female was identified as 69-year-old Doris Dawn McIntyre, who was a visitor from Jacksonville, Florida.

The official cause of death was unknown pending an autopsy. The investigation into this matter continues, according to police.