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Victim Identified in Point Udall Death; Police Say Deceased Was Hiking

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Personnel from the VIPD, the Medical Examiner's Office, and the U.S. Coast Guard after the body of Roby Royster was recovered from Point Udall. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — The V.I. Police Department has identified the man who died Thursday night at Point Udall, and the department has also provided further details relative to what took place.

According to a release issued by V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima, on Thursday at 6:44 p.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center dispatched officers to Point Udall to assist with a possible injured person.

Upon arrival, officers learned that two men were hiking on the coastline east of the monument when one of the men lost his footing and fell, ending up on the rocks below. Officers located the unresponsive victim face down in the water and Emergency Medical Technicians determined the victim had no vital signs.

Members of St. Croix Rescue, Virgin Islands Fire Services, and the U.S. Coast Guard also assisting with the recovery could not perform their duties at that time due to poor lighting conditions, unstable terrain, and rough waters.

The decision was made to reconvene the next day – on August 6, at 6:00 a.m. – to complete recovery efforts. Members of St. Croix Rescue, Virgin Islands Fire Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, personnel from the Medical Examiners Office and VIPD officers were able to retrieve the victim at approximately 7:50 a.m.

The victim was identified as Roby Royster, age 47 of Norwich, Connecticut.

This case remains under investigation, Mr. Derima said.