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# Two Homicides Reported in St. Thomas; In Separate Incident, 63-Year-Old Man Fighting For His Life After Vicious Assault

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ST. THOMAS — Three separate incidents in St. Thomas Tuesday left two men dead and one clinging to life after the first two were shot multiple times and the latter was viciously assaulted, according to police reports and Police Commissioner Ray Martinez.

## **Fortuna Homicide**

The first homicide was reported in Fortuna at 5:44 a.m. after citizens called the 911 Emergency Call Center.

According to the police report, units from the Richard N. Callwood Command traveled to the Fortuna area and observed an unresponsive male, who appeared to have suffered multiple gunshot wounds about his body. Emergency Medical Technicians, who were on scene, concluded that the male did not have any vital signs.

The identity of the male is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The Consortium learned that the victim is a Hispanic male and the incident is believed to be drug-related.

### **Kronprindsens Gade homicide**

According to the police report, on Tuesday at 6:16 p.m. a citizen contacted 911 and reported that there may be a male in need of assistance in an abandoned house in the vicinity of Kronprindsens Gade. The caller indicated that the male may have been possibly shot.

Upon responding officers' arrival, contact was made with a black, unresponsive male who appeared to have been shot multiple times about the body.

Emergency Medical Technicians arrived on the scene and concluded that the male did not have any vital signs.

The identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information about the two shootings are asked to contact the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 340-774-2211 ext's. 5553, 5554, 5555 or 340- 714-9830. You may also contact 911, Crime Stoppers V.I. (800) 222-8477, the chief's office at 340-715-5548 or the Commissioner's Office at 340-715-5506.

### **Vicious assault in Kronprindsens Gade**

On Tuesday at 2:41 a.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center received a report of a male who was assaulted and was bleeding from the head in Kronprindsens Gade in the vicinity of Catholic Charities.

According to the police report, officers discovered the 63-year-old victim, who sustained severe injuries to the head and face from an apparent assault. The victim was transported to the Schneider Regional Medical Center for treatment, via ambulance.

This case is under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau.

Anyone having information about this crime is encouraged to call 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 774-2211. You may also submit information anonymously via Crime Stoppers USVI, at 1- 800-222-8477, [crimestoppersvi.org](http://crimestoppersvi.org) or [p3tips.com](http://p3tips.com).

The latest homicides carried the territory's total for 2021 to forty-two: 28 on St. Croix, 13 on St. Thomas, and 1 on St. John.