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Jean Greaux, Among the Best to Ever Do It, Will Be Sorely Missed.

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Jean Greaux By. GOV'T HOUSE

I collapsed when I heard the [news](#) that Jean Greaux was found dead Tuesday evening. My reaction was an instant recognition of what the U.S. Virgin Islands had lost: Mr. Greaux, first a journalist who served in the field for more than three decades including in broadcast, continued public service as former Governor John P. de Jongh's communications director and more recently as head of corporate communication at the V.I. Water and Power Authority.

He also kept the V.I. community updated with daily weather reports, a free service provided through email that had become a go-to during hurricane season.

More than that, Mr. Greaux, 52 was a personal friend and mentor. He is the best journalist I know, and we spoke often about our community, as recently as last weekend, and how things could improve.

My heart is heavy because Mr. Greaux was replete with talent, was as sharp and witty as the best minds, and his loss is a devastating blow to the Virgin Islands community.

Aside from media, Mr. Greaux was also into entertainment, helping manage one of the best-known USVI bands, Cool Sessions Brass. He was also a man of faith and played the organ at his local church. And he worked for years closely with [legendary USVI newsman Alvin G.](#)

This morning I woke up without my weather update from Mr. Greaux, and it was a harsh reminder that my friend and mentor was no more.

Governor Albert Bryan shared a statement on Mr. Greaux's death, calling for prayers for family. "We are all shocked and devastated by the news of Jean's passing. He was a consummate professional and dedicated public servant. We ask that the community join us in granting his family, friends, and many colleagues some respect and privacy and extend our prayers to them during this difficult time."

Said Delegate to Congress Stacey Plaskett, "I'm in shock and utter sadness at the loss of Jean Greaux. An absolutely talented Virgin Islander – his organizational skills, way with words, strategic thinking and ability to laugh at situations and himself. I'll miss his counsel and his serious voice dispensing knowledge to me – always just when I needed it. I'll miss him."

Senate President Donna Frett-Gregory stated, "The passing of Jean Greaux left me with a heavy heart. These past few years has been challenging for all of us. Let's commit to check on our family friends, and neighbors. I will miss our talks and his wise counsel. He was my friend and confidant. The Virgin Islands has lost a brilliant mind and one of the best in his field. Condolences to his entire family circle. He will be sorely missed."

According to police, Mr. Greaux was found in his vehicle at about 5:23 p.m. with a single gunshot wound to his upper body. The incident was reported to the 911 Emergency Call Center by a concerned resident.

May his soul, which burned with passion for the betterment of the Virgin Islands, live on. And may his dedication to the USVI serve as a guiding light to me, a mentee, to keep hope alive that one day our beautiful territory will see the care it deserves.

I will not write another article for the rest of Wednesday in honor of my friend.