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Gas Station Employee Held at Gunpoint; Gun-Toting Suspect Robs Female Victim in Downtown Frederiksted

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One Love Service Station in La Grande Princesse By. V.I. CONSORTIUM

ST. CROIX — A gas station in La Grande Princesse was robbed at gunpoint Wednesday night, with two masked suspects demanding money from the cashier and another victim, the V.I.P.D. has confirmed.

According to a release issued by the police department Thursday night, on Wednesday at 8:32 p.m., the 911 Emergency Call Center dispatched officers to the One Love Service Station in La Grande Princesse to a robbery in progress. The gas station is owned by

Senator Novelle Francis and his brother.

The victims, an employee of the gas station and a customer, reported to police that two slim Black males, masked and armed, entered the establishment demanding cash. Both suspects fled the area on foot with approximately \$100 in cash, according to police. No one was injured during the incident, the V.I.P.D. said.

Lieutenant Naomi Joseph, Commander of the V.I.P.D. Criminal Investigation Bureau on St. Croix, reminded the business community of using anti-theft mechanisms such as bulletproof cashier booths in their establishments.

Lieutenant Joseph also asked citizens to be aware of their surroundings, especially after dark. "It's probably not a good idea to be in your car counting money," she said. "People with bad intentions will see that and use that opportunity to make you a victim."

About an hour and a half earlier Wednesday night, a female victim called the 911 Emergency Call Center to report that she was robbed at gunpoint in downtown Frederiksted. The victim stated that she was inside her vehicle when she was approached by two armed males. The suspects robbed her of \$600 in cash and her purse containing personal documents. The victim was not injured, according to police.

Lt. Joseph urged anyone who has information on any of the robbery incidents to call 911, the Crime TipLine at (340) 778-4950, or Crime Stoppers USVI at (800) 222-8477 or online [here](#).