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15-Year-Old is Said to Have Accidentally Shot Himself Near Festival Village on St. Croix

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ST. CROIX — A 15-year old male was wounded from a gunshot early Tuesday morning near the Crucian Christmas Festival Village in Frederiksted, V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima has announced.

At approximately 3:17 a.m., V.I.P.D. officers responded to the playground area adjacent to the Festival Village after a concerned citizen reported that a person was wounded by a gunshot.

Upon arrival at the Midre Cummings Park, officers found the victim with a gunshot wound to the leg. Emergency Medical Services personnel stationed at the Village were

summoned to treat the injury, and the victim was transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital & Medical Center for further treatment, Mr. Derima said.

Detectives are investigating witness statements that this incident may be a result of a self-inflicted injury.

The case is under investigation. The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information on this matter to call 911, the Crime TipLine at (340) 778-4950, or contact Crime Stoppers USVI with an anonymous tip here.

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