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44-Year-Old Woman Who Went Missing on April 15 Found Dead in Bushes

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Eduviges Mercedes Amparo. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. THOMAS — A 44-year-old woman who the V.I. Police Department said [went missing on April 15](#) was found dead in bushes in the Crown and Hawk area in St. Thomas, the V.I.P.D. announced late Friday.

The victim was found by a St. Thomas resident who called the 911 Emergency Call Center at 2:57 p.m. and reported that while cutting grass on a private road in Crown and Hawk, she smelled a foul odor. The resident further stated that as she continued to cut grass, she observed an unresponsive female lying in the bushes.

The female has been identified Eduviges Mercedes Amparo, age 44 by next of kin. She was last seen on April 15 in the Market Square area in St. Thomas at approximately 5:30 p.m. that day.

The cause of death is unknown at this time pending the Medical Examiner's findings, according to V.I.P.D. Director of Communications Glen Dratte.

Runaway Child Found

The 12-year-old girl named Samijah Leerdam of Estate Mariendahl, who the V.I.P.D. said [ran away from home](#) during the wee hours of April 18 was found three days later by her father, according to police.

Mr. Dratte said that the child was found by her father who was out looking for her, and was safe. She reportedly left her home around 1:00 a.m. on April 18 after a verbal reprimand from her father.

Woman Still Missing a Month Later

Elsewhere, a woman who [went missing a month ago](#) in St. Thomas hasn't been found.

According to the V.I.P.D., on March 15 at approximately 7:47 a.m., a citizen visited the Richard Callwood Command in St. Thomas and reported that his wife, Mikerlange Damier, went missing. The man stated that his wife was last seen on Monday, March 14 and he has not heard from her since.

Mrs. Damier is 35 years old; she is about 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds and has black hair, according to a description of the woman provided by the V.I.P.D.

The V.I.P.D. said there was a possible sighting of Mrs. Damier on March 17 around the Palm Passage area in St. Thomas. She was last seen attired in a grey hoodie, dark pants, and a bonnet on her head.

The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information about the whereabouts of Mrs. Damier, or if you've seen her, to contact the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 340-774-2211 ext., 5554. You may also contact the Major Crimes Unit at 340-642-8449, or the Chief's Office at 340-715-5548.