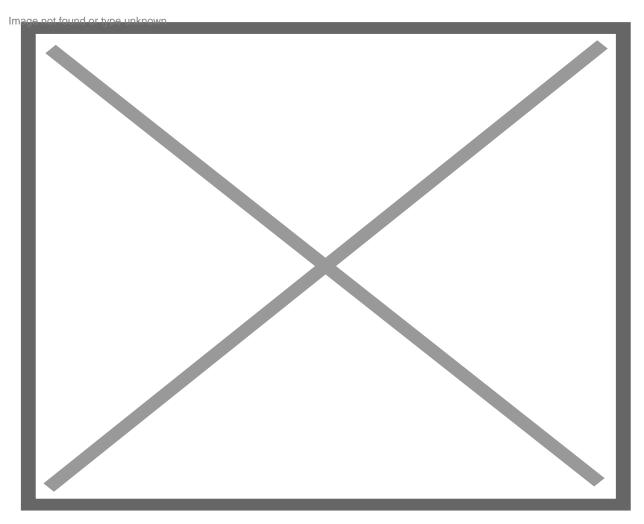
VIPD to Determine Whether Body of Woman Found Disposed in Estate Glynn is 54-year-old Female Reported Missing the Same Day

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Emanda Hartzog, 54, of Estate Richmond was reported missing by family members on Tues. May 10th 2022. By. THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CROIX — The V.I. Police Department on Sunday said it was in the process of determining whether a deceased female <u>found disposed in bushes in Estate Glynn</u> on Tues. May 10, is the woman who was reported missing by her family members the same day.

The V.I.P.D. is investigating the matter as a homicide after suspecting foul play, according to Chief Detective Lt. Naomi Joseph. Even so, the police department has said it would not provide conclusive information until it receives the results of an autopsy and DNA test.

"Currently, the V.I.P.D. Criminal Investigation Bureau cannot verify the missing woman is the deceased woman found on Midland Road until we receive the Medical Examiner's findings," she said, according to the V.I.P.D.

Police spokesman Glen Dratte said that on Tuesday, May 10 the children of 54-year-old Emanda Hartzog of Est. Richmond, Christiansted reported her missing. Hartzog's children, parents, and siblings who all reside on the mainland have not been able to contact her since that day, according to Mr. Dratte.



The VIPD suspects foul play after the decomposing body of a black woman was found disposed in bushes in Estate Glynn on May 10th, 2022. (Credit: Reemy-Reemz Photography/V.I. Consortium)

The V.I.P.D. release further stated that the last time any family member was able to make contact with Hartzog was on Thursday, May 5. According to the police department, family members said they've never allowed more than a week to pass without communicating with Hartzog.

Hartzog is described as a black female with a brown complexion, medium in size standing 5 feet, 5 inches tall. She also has a caesarean scar, according to the police department.

The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information regarding what may have occurred to Hartzog to call the CIB Tip-line at 340-778-4950, or send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers USVI here.

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