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# Hammer, Metal Bar and Chisel Used to Burglarize Armstrong's Ice Cream, Ransack Beloved Establishment

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ST. CROIX — Armstrong's Ice Cream, the beloved century-old family-owned business in Frederiksted was burglarized during the wee hours of Saturday morning, V.I.P.D. Director of Communications Glen Dratte confirmed to the Consortium Tuesday morning following an inquiry.

Citing a police report, Mr. Dratte said that the 911 Emergency Call Center at about 4:25 a.m. Saturday dispatched officers to the business. Upon arrival, the officers observed damages to Armstrong Ice Cream's side serving window, including shattered glass and damage to the iron bars. The inside of the establishment was also ransacked with several papers littered about the floor. Officers also found a rusted metal bar, chisel and hammer.

The owner of the business arrived soon after to examine the facility. He said that the cash register, which contained about \$60 in ten-dollar bills, \$60 in five-dollar bills and about \$120 in singles was missing.

Armstrong Ice Cream was started 123 years ago by Minerva Petersen and is currently operated by the deceased Petersen's grandson, Cedric Armstrong.

The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information about this burglary to send an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers USVI [here](#).

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