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Man Shot Dead in Contant as Territory's Homicide Count Climbs to 3 for 2020

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ST. THOMAS — The territory's homicide count is already up to three in 2020, as the Virgin Islands Police Department continues to struggle to get crime under control.

According to V.I.P.D. Public Information Officer Toby Derima, on Friday at approximately 7:22 p.m., police were notified about a shooting in Contant, prompting officers to descend on the area.

Upon arrival to the scene, officers observed an unresponsive black male lying face up.

Emergency Medical Technicians arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim dead. He was identified as Ferdinand N. Marshall. Police did not reveal his age.

Officers worked long into the night to locate the perpetrator but were unsuccessful, Mr. Derima said. This case is presently under investigation by the Major Crime Unit.

The V.I.P.D. is asking anyone with information about this incident to call the Criminal Investigation Bureau at (340) 774-2211 ext. 5606, or contact Crime Stoppers USVI with an anonymous tip [here](#).

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