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New Series on WTJX Profiling Unsolved Homicides in USVI Premieres Oct. 20

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A new monthly television series profiling cold case homicides in the Virgin Islands premieres this week on WTJX-TV Channel 12, WTJX has announced (the release was distributed by Gov't House).

Virgin Islands Case Files is supported by the Virgin Islands Police Department to help address the staggering number of unsolved murders in the territory.

According to the release, each episode of the half-hour show features a homicide case from St. Thomas/St. John and a case from St. Croix. The stories are narrated by VIPD detectives and those who knew and loved the victims.

“We’re telling these stories in an engaging but non-exploitative manner, with compassion and sensitivity for the victims and their families,” said Makeda Russell, the show’s producer.

“From a law enforcement perspective, we hope to utilize this show as a means for bringing closure to some of these families who, over time, have seen no movement on the cases of their loved ones,” said VIPD Commissioner Ray Martinez.

He added, “We’re showcasing these cases because we’re hoping that somebody in our community is going to recall seeing or hearing something and give our cold case investigators a call with information that could assist them in moving these cases forward and ultimately bringing the perpetrators to justice.”

Virgin Islands Case Files is hosted by longtime anti-gun violence advocate Celia Carroll, who lost her son, Jason, in a daylight shooting 22 years ago, according to the release. Jason’s killer was convicted two years after his murder, and Carroll hopes to help other families find their closure as well.