## **Investigation Underway as Missing Man's Body Found Near Sapphire Beach Marina**

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Sapphire Beach Resort & Marina in St. Thomas, USVI.

ST. THOMAS — The body of a man reported missing earlier this week was found on the eastern side of the Sapphire Beach Marina in St. Thomas on Saturday, according to the V.I. Police Department.

Jeffrey Coleman, a Caucasian male, standing between 5'8" and 5'11" and weighing approximately 200 pounds, was reported missing on June 23. The initial investigation indicated that Coleman was last seen in the area of Sapphire Beach Marina, where he resided, on Tuesday, June 20.

At approximately 7:25 p.m. on Saturday, investigators discovered the partially decomposed body of a male, believed to be Coleman. However, the identification of the body and the cause of death

are yet to be confirmed, pending autopsy results.

The VIPD has classified this as a "missing person" case. With no suspects or additional charges specified as of now, police have opened an investigation into the circumstances surrounding Coleman's disappearance and subsequent death.

Authorities are urging anyone with information about Coleman or any unusual activities in the Sapphire Beach Marina area to come forward. The VIPD can be reached at 340-774-2211, or the Criminal Investigation Unit's Major Crimes Division at 340-642-8449. For those who wish to remain anonymous, tips can also be provided through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, or online here.

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