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Armed Individual Attempts to Enter Claude O. Markoe School, Alleged Incident Triggers Lockdown

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Claude O. Markoe School on St. Croix. By V.I. CONSORTIUM

ST. CROIX — An individual allegedly armed with a firearm attempted to gain access to Claude O. Markoe School at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, prompting school officials to enact security protocols and engage in an immediate campus lockdown, according to the V.I. Police Department.

St. Croix Police Chief Sean Santos provided details based on information provided by the student who is believed to have watched the incident unfold. The male suspect was unable to enter the premises due to effective security mechanisms at the school's gate,

the chief said. VIPD officers conducted a complete internal and external sweep of the campus, as well as neighboring day care facilities, subsequently issuing an "all clear" to resume school activities.

The suspect is described as most likely an adult, but his motive remains unknown. The VIPD is currently investigating the incident and is encouraging community members to come forward with any relevant information.

No injuries were reported, and further details will be made available pending the conclusion of the ongoing investigation by VIPD and other local authorities.

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