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**Driver Succumbed to Injuries Sustained in Auto Collision Near Hope Road  
Intersection and Melvin Evans Highway**

**St. Croix, USVI** – On Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at approximately 4:36 p.m., an auto collision that involved two vehicles was reported in the area where Melvin H. Evans Highway (Route 66) and Hope Road (Route 68) intersect. All on duty members of the Traffic Investigation Bureau were notified and traveled to the scene to assist with the investigation and processing of the scene.

Based on the evidence at the scene, preliminary investigation indicates that a grey Mercedes-Benz E-350 was heading westbound on Melvin H. Evans Highway in the vicinity of Home Depot when a white Chevy Silverado was heading eastbound and making a right turn heading south towards Hope Road when the Mercedes-Benz struck the Chevy Silverado. All three passengers in the collision were transported to the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital (JFL) for treatment.

66-year-old, Mr. Luis A. Viera, the driver of the Chevy Silverado succumbed to his injuries sustained in the collision and was positively identified by a family member as the deceased. Mr. Viera’s passenger and the driver of the Mercedes-Benz did not sustain any life-threatening injuries.

An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death.

This case remains open and under investigation by the Virgin Island Police Department Traffic Investigation Bureau, St. Croix District.

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