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**72-year-old Female Succumbed in Auto Collision on Christiansted Bypass**

**St. Croix, USVI** - On June 10, 2023, at approximately 1:53 p.m., a two-vehicle collision was reported on the Christiansted Bypass where a 72-year-old female passenger succumbed to her injuries.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a silver Chevrolet Equinox was heading westbound on Melvin Evans Highway Route 66 (the Christiansted Bypass) while a dark blue Hyundai Elantra was heading eastbound when the Hyundai Elantra entered the westbound lane and struck the Chevrolet Equinox. All occupants involved in the collision were transported to the Juan F. Luis Hospital for treatment. Two occupants will remain at the Juan F. Luis Hospital for observation due to the severity of their injuries.

One occupant succumbed to injuries sustained in the collision. The family member positively identified 72-year-old Ms. Deborah Long, as the deceased.

The injuries sustained by Ms. Deborah Long that lead to her death was not identified. 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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