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Wisconsin Man Drowned While Snorkeling at Maho Bay

St. John, USVI - On Wednesday, January 18, 2022, at approximately 11:29 a.m., detectives was notified of a possible drowning that occurred on Maho Bay, St. John, V.I.

On Wednesday, January 18, 2022, at an unknown time, a male, his wife, and his son traveled to Maho Bay to snorkel on a charter vessel. After several minutes of snorkeling, a passenger of the charter vessel noticed that the male was floating face down in the water for several minutes. Several passengers removed the male from the water and onto the vessel. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation was started on the male after he was unresponsive. The male was then transported to Cruz Bay to be transported to the Myrah Keating-Smith Clinic via ambulance where he succumbed. The male was subsequently identified by his wife and son as 78-year-old, Mr. Thomas St. John from Wisconsin.

This case is presently under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is urged to contact 911, Criminal Investigation Bureau, Detective J. Carty at (340)693-8880 ext. 5207, Detective S. Rhymer at (340)774-2211 ext. 5572 or Crime Stoppers V.I. at 1(800)222-TIPS (8477).

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