

#### THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### "To Protect and Serve"

### Office of the Commissioner

# VIPD PRESS RELEASE - 030223-060 For Immediate Media Distribution

March 2, 2023

## One Man Dead and the Other Facing Murder and Firearm Charges

**St.** Croix, USVI - On Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 4:40 p.m., 911 received notification of a man down at a residence in Estate Whim. Upon police's arrival on the scene they discovered the body of an unresponsive adult male, who was later identified as 31-year-old, Akeem A. Javois, laying on the ground in front of the house.

Investigators learned that Mr. Javois came to the house of the suspect and a verbal exchange occurred between them. The suspect discharged his unlicensed firearm striking Javois once, killing him.

The suspect, 46-year-old Amos Matthew, was arrested and charged with Murder in the First Degree, Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm, Aiming and Pointing of a Firearm. His bail was set by chart at \$1,000,000.00, he was unable to post bond and was remanded to the John Bell Adult Correctional Facility pending Advise of Rights.

###