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## Traffic Investigation: Medical Emergency is Cause of a One Vehicle Collision

**St.** Croix, USVI - On March 6, 2023, at approximately 5:33 p.m., the Traffic Investigation Bureau was notified by 911 Emergency Call Center, to travel to Estate Clifton Hill in the vicinity of the Solar Panels (Route 663) to investigate a one vehicle automobile collision that occurred on the shoulder of the northbound lane.

Upon officers arrival at the scene, they observed the body of a male, later identified as 85-years-old, Mr. Kenneth A. Andrews, laying on the ground approximately 70 feet east of the collision.

Preliminary investigation guided by the evidence at the scene indicates that Mr. Andrews left the Diageo area and was operating his vehicle from south to north through the intersection when a medical emergency occurred.

The evidence further indicates that Mr. Kenneth A. Andrews, due to a critical medical emergency, lost control of his vehicle and collided into a fence and a tree located on the shoulder of the northbound lane at a residence in Estate Profit. Approximately three men who were in the area of the collision quickly responded and removed Mr. Andrews from his vehicle and placed him in an open grassy area so he may receive medical treatment.

Thus far the officer's preliminary conclusion is that a medical condition was a contributing factor to Mr. Andrews losing control of his vehicle hence colliding into the fence and tree. Though there was no evidence to indicate that Mr. Andrews sustained any injuries as a result of the collision, he later passed away on March 7, 2023.

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

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