



## **THE VIRGIN ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **Traffic Investigation Bureau Investigating Hit and Run Collision Involving Police Officer**

**Frederiksted, St. Croix** - On Saturday July 30, 2022, at around 11:19 p.m., the Traffic Investigation Bureau Officers were dispatched by the 911 Emergency Call Center, to investigate a vehicle collision involving a pedestrian (Police Officer) that occurred on Queen Mary Highway in the vicinity of St. Croix Educational Complex.

Upon officers' arrival at the scene, they conducted a preliminary investigation which revealed that the Officers from the Wilbur Francis Command Police Station had just arrived in the area to investigate two vehicle automobile collision.

The Officers had their marked police unit at a stop in the roadway with the blue lights flashing to slow down the traffic and make the scene safe to begin the investigation of the crash. While the Officer was directing motorists to slow down as they approach the collision area, he observed a red pick-up truck heading eastbound towards him at a high rate of speed. The Officer then began signaling the driver by, waving his hand at the driver to slow down the vehicle. However, when the Officer realized that the vehicle was not slowing down, he moved out of the roadway onto the shoulder of the road to avoid being struck by the vehicle. The driver, however, not having control of his vehicle struck the officer.

The Officer, after impact, was thrown into the air and landed approximately 85 feet from the area of impact, eastward into the bushes on the northern shoulder of the eastbound lane.

The officer was transported by an ambulance to the Juan F. Luis Hospital for treatment. The officer sustained a broken left leg. There is no information on the driver or the vehicle currently.

This case will remain open and under investigation by Traffic Investigation Bureau, the TIB is asking anyone with information for this hit and run incident to call the TIB Detectives at (340) 778 2211, (340)227 0184, Crime Stoppers 1800 222 Tips or 911.

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