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Decomposed Body Found Near Eulalie Rivera School in Frederiksted Prompts Police Investigation

Detectives responded after a passerby discovered a decomposed body behind the Eulalie R. Rivera PreK–8 School in Frederiksted. Victim’s identity and cause of death remain unknown pending autopsy and DNA testing as authorities carry on the investigation.

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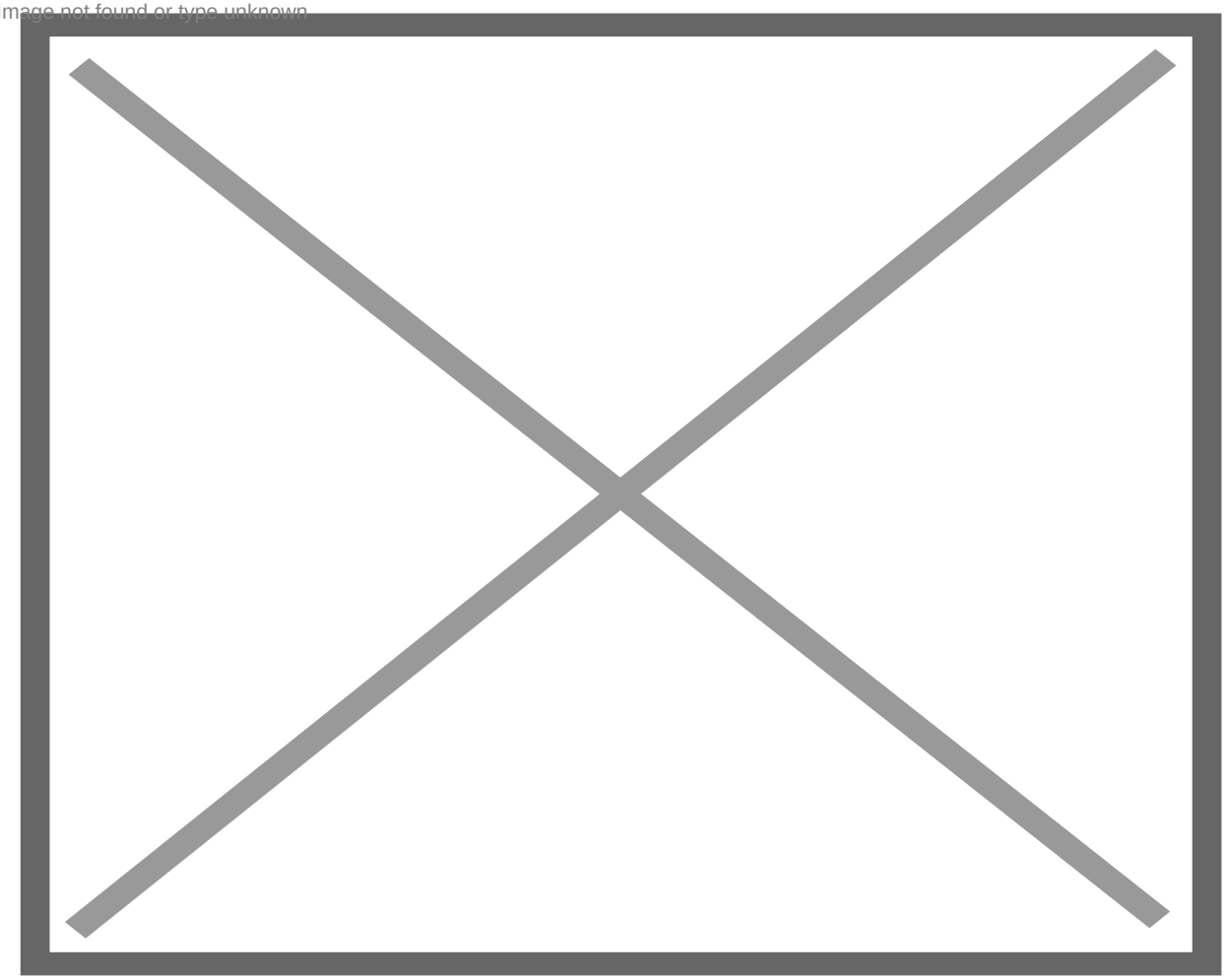

VIPD on scene near Eulalie Rivera Elementary School in Frederiksted after discovery of a severely decomposed body. By. V.I. CONSORTIUM.

ST. CROIX — A severely decomposed body was discovered behind the grounds of Eulalie R. Rivera PreK-8 School early Sunday, triggering a criminal investigation and immediate safety measures around the campus.

According to the V.I. Police Department, at approximately 8:57 a.m. on Sunday, a concerned resident alerted the 911 dispatch to human remains found in shrubbery south of the school. Detectives from the Criminal Investigation Bureau responded and confirmed that the body’s condition prevented identification or determination of cause of death at the scene. Authorities are now relying on autopsy and DNA testing to ascertain both identity and circumstances surrounding the death.

Eulalie R. Rivera PreK-8 School, located in Estate Grove Place, Frederiksted, , serves a vibrant student body from Pre-K through eighth grade. Originally founded as Grove Place Elementary in 1965, the school was renamed in 1974 to honor the late educator Mrs. Eulalie "Marlee" Rivera for her dedication to education in the Virgin Islands.

As of press time, the incident remains under active investigation. The Criminal Investigation Bureau urges anyone with information to contact 911, call the bureau directly at 340?778?2211, or submit anonymous tips through Crime Stoppers USVI here, or at 1?800?222?8477 (TIPS).

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