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## Three Men Identified in Triple Homicide on St. Croix as Police Continue Investigation

**Police say next of kin have identified Carlos Parrilla, 60, Fernando Santiago, 49, and Omar Castillo, 37, as the three men found dead near the Concordia Dumpsite Monday morning, as the homicide investigation and public appeal for information continue.**

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Law enforcement and emergency vehicles are seen at the Concordia Dumpsite on St. Croix, where authorities are investigating a triple homicide reported Monday morning.

ST. CROIX — Authorities have identified the three men found dead Monday morning at the Concordia Dumpsite, after next of kin confirmed the identities of all three victims in what police are investigating as a triple homicide.

The deceased have been identified as Carlos Parrilla, 60; Fernando Santiago, 49; and Omar Castillo, 37, according to information provided by investigators.

The discovery was reported at approximately 8:08 a.m. on Monday, January 19, 2026, when a citizen contacted the St. Croix 911 Emergency Communications Center about three men with apparent gunshot wounds to the head near the dumpsters in the Concordia area. Responding units from the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Criminal Investigation Bureau, and Emergency Medical Services were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, all three men were found unresponsive and were pronounced dead.

Speaking at a briefing held at the site later that morning, St. Croix Chief of Police Uston Cornelius described the incident as “an unfortunate incident” and said investigators are seeking the community’s help as the case progresses.

Detective Chief Marisol Colon Santiago provided additional details, confirming that officers encountered “three unresponsive bodies” at the location and that the victims were adult males. She emphasized that investigators are working to piece together events leading up to the killings and are relying heavily on public cooperation.

“At this time they have not been identified and we don't have anyone to identify them,” Colon Santiago said during the briefing, prior to next-of-kin notification.

She urged anyone who may know individuals who frequent the dumpster area in Estate Concordia to come forward. Police are also asking for information from anyone who may have heard gunshots or observed suspicious activity during the early morning hours.

“If you heard and you saw anyone walking, running or even driving away from this area, that's information we need,” Colon Santiago said.

Investigators indicated they are particularly interested in activity occurring between approximately 3:00 a.m. and the time the bodies were discovered. Colon Santiago stressed that even details that may seem insignificant could prove critical.

“So anything that you have, you might think it's not important, but it just may be the major that we need,” she said, adding that families had not yet been notified at the time of the briefing. “We have families that don't know yet.”

As the investigation unfolded, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority announced the temporary closure of the Concordia Binsite due to law enforcement activity in the area. VIWMA advised residents to use alternate disposal locations, including the Mon Bijou Binsite, Anguilla Landfill, and Cotton Valley Binsite, and said the site would remain closed until further notice.

VIWMA said it will provide updates as more information becomes available and apologized for any inconvenience caused by the closure, thanking the community for its patience and cooperation.

The homicide investigation remains active. Anyone with information is urged to contact investigators directly at 340-712-6031 or call 911. Police said additional updates will be released as they become available.