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PRESS RELEASE

FIVE RESCUED AFTER NINE DAYS ADRIFT AT SEA; ONE PERSON DIES

July 24, 2026 – Kingstown: Five men were rescued and transported to the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital after reportedly spending nine days and nine nights adrift in a dingy following a fire aboard a fishing vessel.

Investigations indicate that six men departed the Tardieu Marina in Trinidad at approximately 6:00 a.m. on July 7, 2026, aboard the vessel St. Vincent VII to engage in fishing activities.

During the trip, a fire reportedly caused extensive damage to the vessel, forcing all six occupants to abandon it and board a dingy. According to information received, the men were in good physical condition when they entered the dingy.

After spending nine days and nine nights at sea, the group was located by the oil tanker MV Marvel Kite. One of the occupants, 66-year-old Trinidadian national Anthony Murray, reportedly died during the ordeal.

The MV Marvel Kite subsequently contacted the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Coast Guard Service. Coast Guard personnel responded and intercepted the tanker at approximately 9:06 p.m., about 11 nautical miles east-southeast of Kingstown.

The Coast Guard returned to the Cruise Ship Terminal in Kingstown at approximately 11:30 p.m. with the five survivors. They were transported to the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital for medical assessment and treatment.

The survivors have been identified as:

Shannon Mohammed, 40, of Trinidad and Tobago

Kevin Fonteillo, 47, of Trinidad and Tobago

Alex Burnley, 39, of Trinidad and Tobago

Eshawar Persard, 39, of Guyana

Rupert Charles, 55, of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Mr. Murray was later formally pronounced dead. His body was removed pending further investigations.

The Royal Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force extends condolences to the relatives and loved ones of Mr. Murray and acknowledges the coordinated response of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Coast Guard Service, the crew of the MV Marvel Kite, medical personnel, and all others involved in the operation.

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