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DLCA WARNS OF NEW MONEY SCAM

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs notifies the public of another scam being operated in the Virgin Islands. In essence, the scammers are utilizing emailed documents with authentic looking letterheads exhibiting the logos of Government of the Virgin Islands agencies to make the emailed notifications appear legitimate. Among the letterheads being utilized are those of the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism and the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands.

The first emailed correspondence captioned "US Virgin Islands Money" and utilizing the Supreme Court logo, informs the reader of an enclosed Probate Court final notice and a date regarding the last day to claim a sum of money quoted to be in the millions of dollars. The writing further implores the reader to send \$1000 to obtain a tax waiver for the immediate release of the probate money.

The second example consists of a letter utilizing a picture of a mocko junbie and a font closely resembling the logo of the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism. It informs the reader of an offshore/online bank account where the probate money is purportedly being held or can be sent to. It requires of the recipient an activation fee by credit card with a minimum deposit to activate the account to which the probate money will be wired and can be retrieved by the reader. The correspondence even provides a fictitious Virgin Islands contact number and a Virgin Islands mailing address to further simulate authenticity. Both pieces of correspondence are scams.

The general public is advised by the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs that this is but the latest in a series of ingenious scams that are being perpetrated on the Virgin Islands public. If you are the recipient of such email please completely disregard it and take no action on it. As a general course of action, report such scams to the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs at 714-3522 on St. Thomas/St. John or 713-3522 on St. Croix.

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