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TO: Honorable Ray Fonseca *Vice-Chair*
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FROM: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens 
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety

DATED: December 4, 2023

RE: COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA
Scheduled Hearing - 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Please be advised that the 35th Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice, & Public Safety has scheduled a legislative committee hearing for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 12, 2023 in the Frits E. Lawaetz Legislative Hall on St. Croix. This is an in-person hearing.

The agenda is as follows:

BLOCK I – 10:00 a.m.

Crucian Christmas Festival Safety/Security Update - This update intends to provide an overview of safety and security efforts ahead of this year's Crucian Christmas Festival events. Information provided will relate to security, parking restrictions and accommodations, and other related matters.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ray Martinez	Commissioner	Virgin Islands Police Department
Honorable Derek Gabriel	Commissioner	Department of Public Works
Mr. Ian Turnbull	Director	Department of Tourism (Festivals)

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BLOCK II – 1:00 p.m.

Bill 35-0178 – An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 314, to add a section 3732a to allow for the automatic expungement of arrest records upon a finding that the arrest lacked probable cause and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 881(g), item 9 relating to public records to designate expunged criminal records as confidential records.
Sponsored by Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Ariel Smith	Attorney General	Virgin Islands Department of Justice
Attorney Julie Smith-Todman	Interim Chief	Office of the Territorial Public Defender
Attorney Dwyer Arce	President	Virgin Islands Bar Association
Attorney Casey Payton	Executive Director	Virgin Islands Justice Initiative
Attorney Russell B. Pate	Managing Partner	The Pate Law Firm

Bill 35-0179 – An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 61, relating to gambling violations, and title 32 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, relating to the Virgin Islands Lottery Commission, to strengthen the enforcement tools against illegal gambling and lottery.
Sponsored by Senator Diane T. Capehart and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Raymond Williams	Executive Director	Virgin Islands Lottery
Honorable Ariel Smith	Attorney General	Virgin Islands Department of Justice
Attorney Julie Smith-Todman	Interim Chief	Office of the Territorial Public Defender
Attorney Dwyer Arce	President	Virgin Islands Bar Association

cc: All Senators
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