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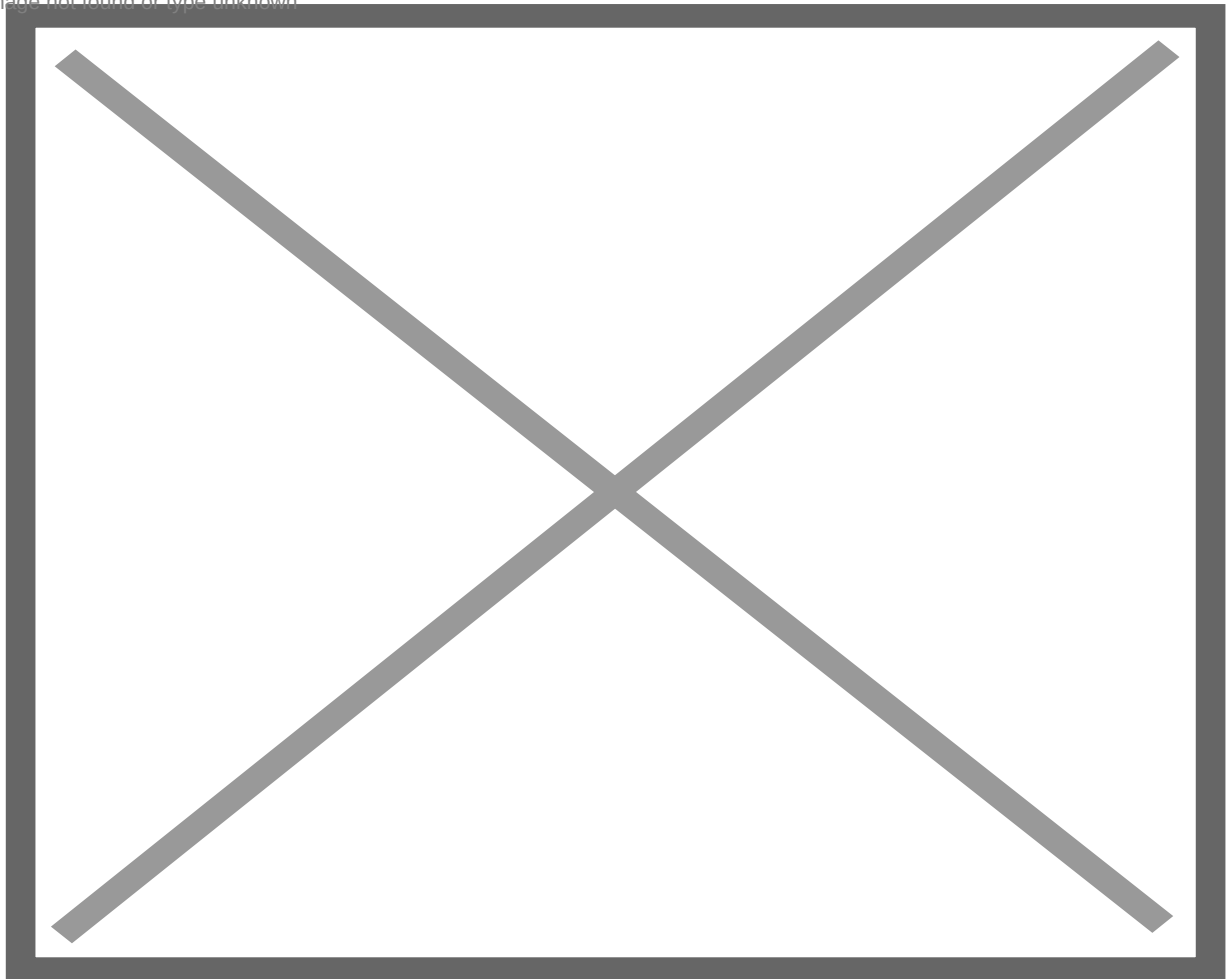
Fire Engulfs Abandoned Hotel in St. Thomas; No Injuries Reported

Virgin Islands Fire Services extinguishes second-story flames in 15 minutes, preventing further spread

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A fierce blaze engulfs the second floor of the Beachcomber Hotel in St. Thomas, with flames visibly tearing through the structure as emergency services respond to the scene.

ST. THOMAS — A fire broke out at the abandoned Beachcomber Hotel in St. Thomas early Tuesday morning, drawing immediate response from local fire services.

The V.I. Fire and Emergency Services Hotel Command received a distress call at approximately 10:40 a.m. regarding a possible structural fire at the former hotel, which is situated along the road

leading to the Cyril E. King Airport.

Units 101 and 207 of VIFEMS led by Captain George Straun, were promptly dispatched to the scene. Unit 3, arriving first, assessed the situation, seeking an entry point to tackle the blaze in the deserted structure. The fire service reported that the second story of the building was fully engulfed in flames upon their arrival.

Efforts to extinguish the fire proved effective, with firefighters bringing the blaze under control within 15 minutes. Following the initial response, the fire prevention division was notified to conduct a thorough investigation into the cause of the fire.

As the fire services worked to quell the flames, local residents took to capturing the incident on smartphone cameras. Videos and images shared from the scene depicted one of the buildings consumed by fire, highlighting the intensity of the incident.

There were no injuries reported in connection to the fire.