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Passengers Disappearing From Cruise Ship Calls In BVI Prompting Illegal Immigration Concerns

Series of vanishing passengers from Norwegian Sky raises alarms about potential illegal immigration

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Norwegian Sky

The Government of the British Virgin Islands has issued a public bulletin appealing for assistance in locating a Colombian national who did not return to the cruise ship on which she arrived in the territory.

According to the announcement, Monica Marcela Pineda was a passenger on Norwegian Sky, which paid a visit to the territory on Sunday. Immigration authorities say she never returned to the ship before it left, nor did she leave the territory by another legal means.

Ms. Pineda is just the latest in a rash of passengers from that same ship that have gone missing in the BVI in recent weeks.

A previous Norwegian Sky port call on April 19 resulted in two passengers [reportedly absconding](#). Like Ms. Pineda, neither Pascal Bosman of the Netherlands nor Martire Cabrera, a national of the Dominican Republic bearing a St. Kitts & Nevis passport, returned to the vessel before it left Tortola, nor is there a record of them leaving the BVI via other means.

In March, three Colombian nationals appear to have [absconded from the vessel](#). The Norwegian Sky was in port on March 10, but when it left the territory, Jean Carlo Ospina Cano, Pamela Mesa Escobar, and Yesica Yogana Marin Ramirez were not on board. The three Colombian nationals have reportedly not been seen since then.

The disappearances of these five individuals during three Norwegian Sky port calls over the past two months have raised concerns in the territory about illegal immigration.

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