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BVI Magistrate Dismisses Breach of Trust Charges Against Former BVI Minister, Public Servant

Myron Walwyn and Lorna Stevens face no further action in breach of trust allegations tied to the Elmore Stoutt High School wall project.

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Former BVI Education Minister Myron Walwynn.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS — There is no case to answer for the British Virgin Islands Sixth District Representative Myron Walwyn, said Senior Magistrate for the territory Tamia Richards. Local news outlet 284Media also reports that former assistant secretary in the Ministry of Education Lorna Stevens was similarly cleared by Magistrate Richards.

Mr. Walwyn and Ms. Stevens [were arrested in 2022](#) on charges of breach of trust amid allegations of wrongdoing in the construction of a perimeter wall at the Elmore Stoutt High School, a project

that reportedly ran way over cost. While acknowledging that there were procedural issues on the project, Mr. Walwyn has from the beginning maintained that these issues did not meet the criteria for the offense of breach of trust.

Mr. Walwyn had also expressed serious skepticism about how these charges came to be proffered, as the Director of Public Prosecution had received the findings of the police investigation since 2020, yet made no move until the matter was revived by the Commission of Inquiry a year later.

The third person charged in the matter, local businessman Kelvin Thomas, is before Justice Angelica Teelucksingh in the BVI High Court. A hearing was scheduled for January 21.

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