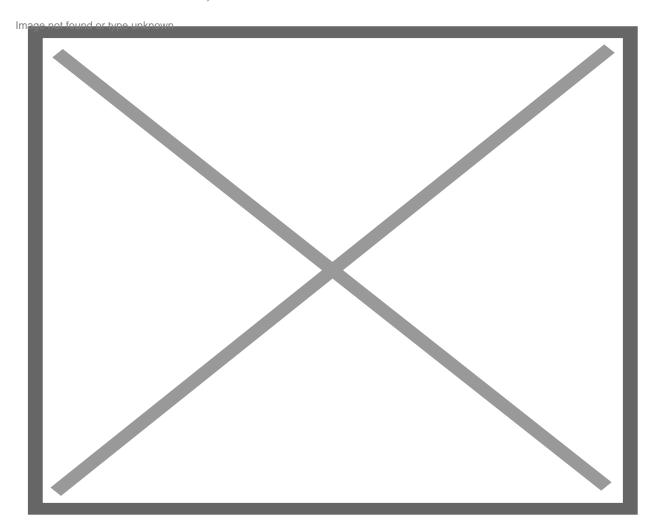# V.I. Lottery Hit by Cyberattack, Retail Sales and Prize Claims Temporarily Halted

A major cybersecurity incident has disrupted the V.I. Lottery's IT systems, forcing the suspension of operations and delaying Drawing #1047. Authorities, including the FBI, are investigating as officials work to restore functionality and resume services.

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The Virgin Islands Lottery announced on Monday night a temporary suspension of all operations after falling victim to a cybersecurity attack that has significantly disrupted its information technology systems.

As a result of the attack, Drawing #1047, which was originally scheduled for March 13, 2025, has been further delayed. The draw had already been postponed due to air quality concerns at the St.

Thomas office. The delay now extends indefinitely until system functionality is fully restored.

The security breach has affected multiple aspects of the lottery's operations, including:

- Retail ticket sales
- Prize claims
- Administrative functions

The Virgin Islands Lottery said it is actively working with the Bureau of Information Technology, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and cybersecurity specialists to investigate the breach, recover affected systems, and strengthen security protocols to prevent future incidents.

The VIL expressed its appreciation for the patience and understanding of its loyal players and business partners as it navigates this unexpected disruption. Officials have confirmed that all valid tickets for Drawing #1047 and Drawing #1048 remain valid, and a new draw date will be announced once the system is stable.