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## V.I. Lottery Remains Closed Following Cyberattack, Investigation Continues

**The V.I. Lottery remains closed following a March 17 cyberattack, with officials citing ongoing system recovery and investigation. VIL says operations will resume once systems are secure and urges the public to monitor official channels for updates.**

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The Virgin Islands Lottery has provided a follow-up statement regarding the cybersecurity incident first disclosed on Monday, March 17, confirming that operations will remain suspended while an in-depth investigation into the attack is underway.

In a release issued Friday, the Lottery announced that, “out of an abundance of caution,” the decision to keep its offices temporarily closed was made in collaboration with local and federal

cybersecurity experts. The agency said that its primary concern remains the protection of its systems, data, and the public's trust.

VIL officials stressed that the decision to continue the suspension of services is essential to safeguarding the integrity of the lottery's systems and ensuring a secure path forward. While the timeline for full restoration of services remains uncertain, VIL assured the public that it is fully committed to resuming operations "safely and responsibly."

"We understand how much the Virgin Islands Lottery means to our players, dealers, and vendors—and we are fully committed to restoring operations safely and responsibly," the statement read.

The cyberattack has disrupted core functions of the lottery, and efforts are being made to assess the origin and scope of the breach. VIL reiterated that resuming operations without fully securing its infrastructure would be premature.

The agency also expressed regret over the inconvenience the temporary closure has caused, and extended gratitude to customers, vendors, and the wider community for their continued support.

"Please know that the entire Virgin Islands Lottery team is working around the clock to bring our services back online—stronger, safer, and more secure than before," the release concluded.

At this time, there is no specific date for the reopening of VIL offices or the resumption of lottery draws and prize services.