

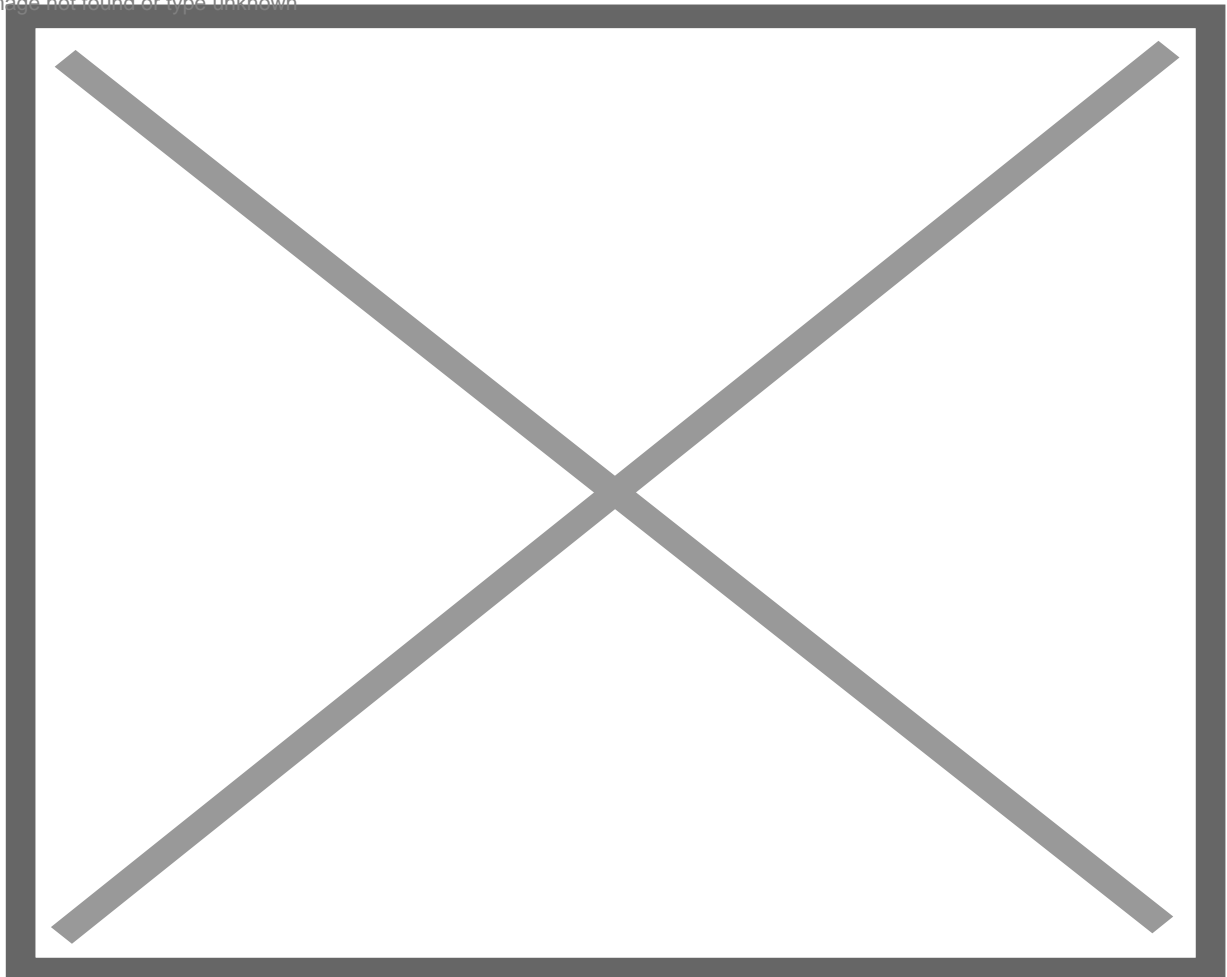
Tier 3 Sex Offender Taken Into Custody After Failing to Update Address With DOJ

The DOJ confirmed that 43-year-old Alan Motta was arrested for failing to comply with registration requirements. A warrant was issued in July after he missed an address update, leading to his August arrest and detention pending an August 20 hearing.

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Mugshot of Alan Motta. By. VIDOJ.

The V.I. Department of Justice has announced that 43-year-old Alan Motta was arrested on August 15 for failing to comply with mandatory sex offender registration requirements.

According to Attorney General Gordon C. Rhea, Motta is a Tier 3 registered offender who failed to update his registration information with the Department of Justice, as required by law. His last

registration occurred on May 22, 2025, when he failed to provide an updated address, placing him in violation of legal requirements.

In response to his noncompliance, the DOJ's Sexual Offender Registry (SORNA) unit issued a BOLO/Wanted poster. A warrant for Motta's arrest had been issued on July 17, 2025, by Magistrate Judge Yolán Brow-Ross. On August 15, Motta voluntarily visited the Office of the Attorney General to fulfill his registration duties. At that time, he was arrested by Assistant Director Gisselle Quinones and Special Agent Riquesha Williams of the DOJ's Special Investigations Division, booked, and transported to the Bureau of Corrections. He remains in custody awaiting his Advice of Rights hearing scheduled for August 20, 2025.

Under Chapter 86, Section 1722 of Title 14 of the Virgin Islands Code, sex offenders are required to keep their registration current with the DOJ. Tier 3 offenders must appear for updates every three months from their initial registration date, for life. Motta was convicted in 2002 in the Virgin Islands for first-degree attempted rape.

The DOJ noted that its Special Investigations Division, together with the SORNA unit, U.S. Marshals, and other local and federal agencies, routinely conducts unannounced inspections of registered offenders to verify their addresses, employment, and other personal details.

Failure to register or keep information current is punishable by a fine of \$3,000 to \$5,000 and imprisonment of three months to two years, or both. It is also an offense to assist a sex offender in evading registration requirements, carrying penalties of a \$1,000 to \$2,000 fine, up to six months in prison, or both.

The sex offender registry is available for public access at <https://usvi.nsopw.gov>.