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D.O.J. Has Captured Second Wanted Sex Offender

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ST. THOMAS -- A second sex offender who was wanted by authorities has been taken into custody. Daniel Cove, 33, walked into the St. Croix office of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Wednesday morning – a day after the DOJ launched a manhunt for him – and turned himself over to the authorities, according to Leonardo Carrion, Sr., director for the Bureau of Investigation at the DOJ.

DOJ learned that Mr. Cove had been living on St. Croix for about 40 days.

Mr. Cove was subsequently arrested on a single charge of failure to keep sexual offender registration current and his bail was set at \$1,000. Unable to secure his release from custody, Mr. Cove was remanded to Golden Grove pending his advice-of-rights hearing

Thursday on St. Croix.

Commenting on the matter, Attorney General Claude Earl Walker said, “Mr. Cove was registered in the district of St. Thomas/St. John, but ended up in the St. Croix District, and for the last few days, the agents have been actively working to locate him because, unfortunately, in light of what has been happening lately, some members of the community have called us to express concerns that a sex offender is in the Territory whom we allege has evaded monitoring.”

AG Walker said his department has “expended ample resources to locate Mr. Cove, including spending many hours analyzing certain data that revealed his location on St. Croix.”

Mr. Cove’s apprehension on St. Croix comes just a few days after AG Walker revised an existing policy requiring that all sex offenders in the territory now notify DOJ even when traveling between these islands. “Ironically, just prior to this incident,” AG Walker said, “I implemented a new travel policy requiring all registered sex offenders to provide notice whenever they travel between the district of St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix. Furthermore, when traveling to BVI, notice must also be provided so that DOJ may inform the Royal Police force there.”

Meanwhile, another sex offender who was arrested Tuesday and charged with failure to keep sexual offender registration current has been allowed to be released from custody on an unsecured bond.