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## Ray Martinez Named Director Of LEPC

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Former Virgin Islands Police Department Director of Intelligence, Ray Martinez, on Monday was named director of the Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Planning Committee (LEPC) by Governor Albert Bryan, Government House has announced.

Mr. Martinez is a 12-year employee of the Virgin Islands Police Department, and has served as the department's director of Internal Affairs and Labor Relations, and as director of Intelligence where he developed the Criminal Intelligence Unit and its policies and procedures, Government House said.

The governor said the Bryan-Roach administration will refocus the LEPC to ensure a more data-driven approach in the development of anti-crime programs and initiatives in

the territory and that the administration will aggressively pursue the federal funding available to implement those programs.

“The LEPC plays a critical role in our law enforcement and crime prevention strategy,” he said. “We are activating the long-dormant policy-making function of the LEPC to collect data for a smarter, more data-based approach to eradicating the root causes of crime in our communities.”

Mr. Bryan added, “The territory has hundreds-of-thousands of dollars available to target juvenile and delinquency prevention, and we must make those dollars work to stem the increasing number of youth offenders if we are to have a chance at reducing crime in the territory. I thank Mr. Martinez for his service to our community and him accepting this call to service.”

According to Government House, Mr. Martinez has a bachelor of science in international and comparative criminal justice from Kaplan University and a master of science in criminal justice and criminology from the University of Cincinnati. He is also a graduate of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Criminal Investigation Training Program.

The Law Enforcement Planning Committee advises and assists the governor in developing policies and initiatives aimed at reducing crime and delinquency in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The LEPC administers all federal block grants, and other criminal justice funds, which are awarded to the Territory by the U.S. Department of Justice and Children's Justice Act funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.