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# Monday Digest: Hindus Want Their Holidays Recognized in USVI; Son of Inspector General Said to Kill 3, Including Himself; and More News

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## Festival of Lights (Diwali), a Hindu Celebration

This is the 14th edition of the Monday Digest, where we recount the weekend's news in consumable bits to help you start your week.

As a reminder, downloading our app is the best way to get news immediately to your mobile phone.

Below, the weekend's top stories:

## **Hindus in USVI Want Their Holidays Recognized**

Hindus [are seeking](#) a public holiday in the U.S. Virgin Islands on Diwali, the most popular of their festivals, starting 2022. Hindu statesman Rajan Zed said the V.I. government should revisit its public holiday policies as the USVI is a multicultural society. He urged Governor Albert Bryan and Lieutenant Tregenza to seriously examine what Mr. Zed says is an issue of fairness.

## **V.I. Inspector General's Son is Said to Kill Himself After Killing Two Others**

A local ABC News affiliate station on Friday evening [confirmed](#) that Mark Van Beverhoudt of the Virgin Islands opened fire, shooting four individuals before turning the gun on himself. Multiple persons in the Virgin Islands have confirmed that Van Beverhoudt is the son of Virgin Islands Inspector General Steven Van Beverhoudt, and that Mark, up until recently, was an employee at the Inspector General's office on St. Thomas.

Mark Van Beverhoudt, his wife, and three-month old were apparently staying with the Harris family in Houston. Matt Harris, one of his adult daughters, and Van Beverhoudt were killed. Norma Harris and Van Beverhoudt's wife were injured in the shooting.

## **Man in Coma After Vehicular Accident on Queen Mary Highway**

As of late Sunday afternoon, Kahlil Wilson [was in a coma](#) at the Juan F. Luis Hospital after a single-vehicle accident on the Queen Mary Highway near the St. Croix Educational Complex. The victim's lawyer, Yohanna Manning, said the victim was still fighting for his life Sunday afternoon, though he was not stable enough to be flown off island for further medical attention. The family is asking the community to pray that he survives, Attorney Manning said.

**In other news**, St. Thomas's AffFair, set for this month, [has been canceled](#) due to Covid-19; a St. Croix native's work [gets featured on an online New York art gallery](#); a St. Thomas man gets [over 5 years in federal prison](#) for being a felon in possession of a firearm; and Covid-19 cases [are climbing](#) in the USVI ahead of Thanksgiving.

Our previous digest is [here](#).