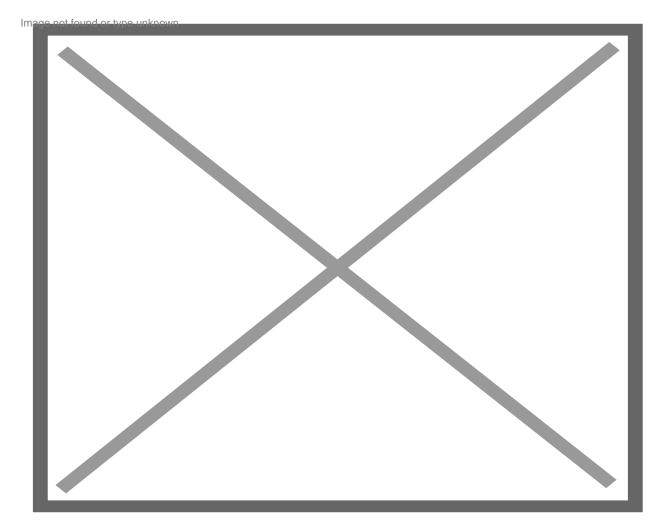
## Lieutenant Governor's Office Websites Victim of Possible Breach

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The Office of the Lieutenant Governor has announced an investigation into what it said was "a possible breach in its computer systems which has affected service delivery by its Recorder of Deeds and Cadastral Divisions."

"Our team is actively working on a resolution of this issue," said Lieutenant Governor Tregenza Roach in a statement Thursday afternoon. "Although the divisions are faced with this challenge, some manual fixes have been put in place to provide services to the public in the interim. As a result, there will be delays experienced when any service is requested from these two divisions." Mr. Roach apologized for any inconveniences. The latest attack on government online systems follows a breach at the V.I. Port Authority last month. "Our security team took immediate action to address the incident, notified law enforcement, and are continuing to investigate," the authority said <u>in a statement to the media</u>. "Based upon initial investigation there has been no loss of financial assets."

The scope of the data breach had not yet been determined, Monifa Brathwaite, Port Authority public information officer told the Consortium at the time. Yet while the personal data of V.I.P.A. employees had not been misused and V.I.P.A. said there was no evidence that such information was stolen, the authority could not say for sure what, exactly, was exposed.

The Port Authority has over 300 employees spanning a number of arms, including marine and airport facilities. Ms. Brathwaite said there wasn't much the authority could divulge since the investigation is ongoing. However, "I do know that based upon the investigation thus far there has been no loss or financial assets," she stated.

"It's under investigation; we have folks looking at it. So far at least the important thing for us is that no financial information seems to be compromised, nor any personnel information," Port Authority Executive Director, Carlton Dowe, told the Consortium.

The most visible of known breaches of the V.I. government in recent memory occurred at WAPA, when the authority said more than \$2 million in missing funds had been wired to an offshore account. The matter <u>prompted an FBI investigation</u>, with WAPA stating the day after that it <u>fell</u> victim to a phishing scam.

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