

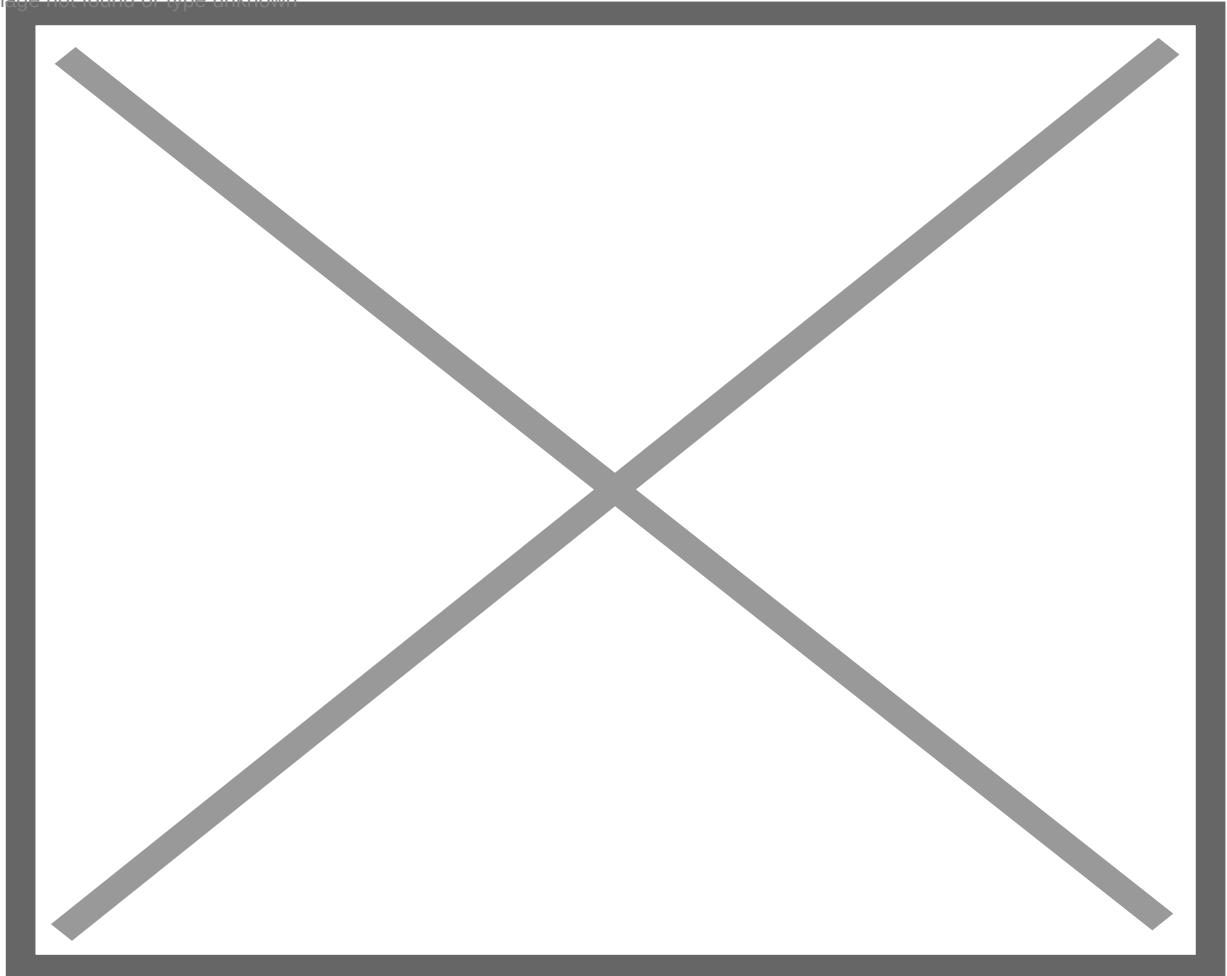
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Feds Confiscate Over \$700,000 in Cash Aboard Vessel in Gallows Bay

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The Gallows Bay port in Christiansted. By. V.I. CONSORTIUM

Customs and Border Protection officers found and confiscated over \$700,000 of undeclared cash on a vessel in Gallows Bay, St. Croix on Thursday, the Consortium has learned.

The vessel came from Puerto Rico and was en route to the British Virgin Islands but stopped in Gallows Bay to offload cargo bound for St. Croix. Once at the port, CBP officials conducted a routine search of the vessel and found the undeclared cash.

CBP has not issued a release on the matter.

Thursday's findings was not the first of its kind in the territory. In August 2020, CBP officers [seized undeclared currency totaling \\$27 million](#) found inside boxes bound to St. Thomas on Norma H.

The government of the Virgin Islands is attempting to transform the Gallows Bay port into a bustling destination where tourists with deep pockets frequent after debarking their luxurious, small cruise ships to experience the island.

This is made possible by the opening of the Gordon A. Finch Molasses Pier, which will see import and export activity moving from Gallows Bay to the Container Port, freeing up Gallows Bay to tourism-related commerce.

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