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**Subject:** FW: FBI questions about Epstein foundation payments in the Virgin Islands and Southern Trust search again

**Date:** Fri, 15 Nov 2019 15:36:47 +0000

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Rgr that. Interesting.

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On Nov 15, 2019 9:41 AM, "[REDACTED]" <ajthoreson@fbi.gov> wrote:  
[Just an fyi – see below.](#)

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[Hi Matt – thanks for reaching out, unfortunately it's still an ongoing investigation so we can't provide any further information beyond what's already been made public.](#)

**From:** Goldstein, Matthew [mailto:[REDACTED]]

**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2019 9:37 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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hi all  
we are continuing our reporting on Epstein's money trail and we are wrapping up a story about issues with one of Epstein's foundations -- the J Epstein Virgin Islands Foundation  
We have been told by officials with the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources that agents with the FBI met with them in mid August to discuss certain payments from the foundation to the DPNR to settle fines and penalties. One check was drawn on a bank account at FirstBank in St Thomas for \$160,000 and was in the account name of Enhanced Education which is an alternative name the J Epstein Foundation was called. We are told one thing the agents asked was whether the payment was made and did it violate DPNR policy for charitable entity to use its money to pay fines -- the DPNR confirmed the payment and said it did not violate its policy.  
We are also told that this meeting took place around the same time FBI agents searched Epstein's island residence off St. Thomas -- shortly after his death.  
Your office has confirmed the widely reported search of the island  
Can you now confirm what the DPNR is telling us about the inquiry about the checks paid by the J Epstein/Enhanced Education Foundation?  
Also can you now confirm an eyewitness report we have that agents in mid August (around the same time of the island search) paid a visit to the offices of Southern Trust (and before that Financial Trust) in the yacht-marina offices in the Red Hook Quarter of St. Thomas.  
We are working on a deadline and would appreciate a response by this afternoon

thanks  
matt

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