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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: VI Daily News: Local Authorities Not Currently Investigating Epstein

Date: Wed, 07 Aug 2019 14:45:14 +0000

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Excellent, thanks [REDACTED]. SA [REDACTED] cc'd

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 10:44 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: VI Daily News: Local Authorities Not Currently Investigating Epstein

[REDACTED],

We have recieved the photos and they're in our possession. It's a rather large file and may or may not be able to be emailed. I'll have my agent work on the file and send you as much as she can.

What Agent from your office would be a good POC to send the photos?

Regards,

SSRA [REDACTED] Jr.

FBI San Juan Division

St Thomas & St Croix

C: [REDACTED]

D: [REDACTED]

On Aug 7, 2019 10:41 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

The USAO would like to review the photos of the island for the search warrant, can you let me know the status on those and whether or not they could be emailed?

Thanks,

SSA [REDACTED]

Squad C-20

Crimes Against Children/Human Trafficking

FBI New York

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 8:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: VI Daily News: Local Authorities Not Currently Investigating Epstein

[REDACTED]

Good morning – FYI...see below reference Epstein's various boats and plane.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 5:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: VI Daily News: Local Authorities Not Currently Investigating Epstein

Your FBI Colleagues in SDNY may find this interesting....Note that Epstein has not listed his boats or planes.

Local authorities not currently investigating Epstein

• [By SUZANNE CARLSON Daily News Staff](#)

The V.I. Justice Department has been monitoring Jeffrey Epstein since 2008 when he became a registered sex offender, but local authorities have never received a criminal complaint that would prompt an investigation in the territory.

“Something has to trigger an investigation,” said V.I. Attorney General Denise George.

George said an investigation can only be launched if someone files a criminal complaint or a peace officer observes suspicious activity, and “an investigation is not triggered because criminal activity was occurring in another jurisdiction, or another state.”

While at least one individual has said in a civil lawsuit in New York that she was sexually abused at Epstein's home on Little St. James, George said that information is not sufficient to launch a local investigation.

“It's not based on that type of hearsay, or news reports from another jurisdiction,” George said.

If the individual in the case filed a complaint “then an investigation can be opened,” George said.

V.I. Police have never filed charges against Epstein, and V.I. Police Commissioner Jason Marsh has not responded to a voicemail asking whether police have received any criminal complaints.

Epstein was required to register as a sex offender following his 2008 conviction in Florida for procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution. As a domiciled Virgin Islands resident who maintains his primary home on the private island of Little St. James off the East End of St. Thomas, and also owns the neighboring cay of Great St. James, the V.I. Justice Department is tasked with ensuring he abides by the territory's sex offender registration requirements.

“Basically, here in the Virgin Islands and also in every other jurisdiction, they will determine a sex offender's duration and his frequency to appear according to what their statutes say the convicted sexual offense will fall under,” said Shani Pinney, program manager for the Virgin Islands sex offender registry.

In addition to Little St. James, Epstein owns homes in New York, Paris, Santa Fe and Palm Beach, according to the Florida sex offender registry, and those jurisdictions monitor him under their own laws.

The state of New York, for example, reviews all aspects of an offender's criminal history, Pinney said, and has classified Epstein as a Level 3 sex offender, the most serious category. A judge ordered him to check in with authorities every 90 days, but New York police apparently didn't follow through with that requirement, according to recent news reports.

Under Virgin Islands law, only the final conviction is used to determine which category a sex offender should be monitored under, Pinney said.

The registry is broken down into three tiers, depending on the severity of an offense, and Tier I offenders — the lowest-level classification — are required to check in and update registrations annually for a period of 15 years. Tier 2 offenders must check in twice a year for 25 years, and Tier 3 offenders, who have committed the most serious crimes, are required to check in at least once every three months for the remainder of their lives, according to Pinney.

Epstein is classified as a Tier I sex offender in the Virgin Islands, and last checked in with the Justice Department on March 15.

Pinney said Epstein has complied with all of his requirements as a sex offender, including notifying the Justice Department every time he travels to the mainland or leaves the United States.

Sex offenders are required to provide the registrations for all vehicles they own or use for work, including air, land and seacraft, and Pinney said keeping Epstein's online registration current can be tricky because "he frequently changes his vehicles and his vessels."

As of May 6, Epstein's sex offender registration listed 11 vehicles — all black — including a Mercedes-Benz S550, Bentley Arnage, Hummer II, Dodge Caravan, Range Rover, three Chevy Suburbans and three Cadillac Escalades.

When asked why that list did not include any aircraft or boats, Pinney said Thursday she would check and ensure the list is current.

The profile was briefly updated to include three white boats Thursday evening, before being revised again a short time later. The updated list includes 14 vehicles — including five Chevy Suburbans, Mercedes Benz S550, Hummer II, gray Bentley Mulsanne, a Cadillac Escalade and Range Rover — and a Sea Craft Inc. vessel, make unknown, license number 3254C.

Pinney said the Justice Department also has the registration information for Epstein's aircraft, but the website that hosts the sex offender database doesn't include a drop-down menu option for aircraft, and she would reach out to the company to ensure the information could be added.

"They'd probably never gotten that request," Pinney said. "He's unique. How many offenders own their own aircraft?"

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