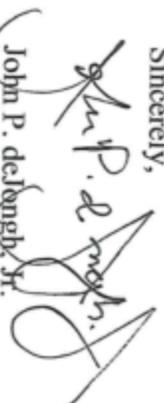


Yet another challenge to our full implementation of the SORNA requirements concerns the submission of DNA samples to the FBI. The Virgin Islands Department of Justice currently does not collect DNA samples. Moreover, while the Virgin Islands Police Department does collect DNA samples for some arrestees, these samples are not submitted to the National Crime Information Center ("NCIC") for input into its databank. In fact, they are used only to compare the samples against the NCIC databank. Hence, the Department, through the Special Counsel to the Attorney General Monica Carbon Williams, is making the necessary arrangements to collect and submit the DNA samples to the FBI.

We have worked hard to ensure that the Territory retains its status as having "substantially implemented" the requirements of SORNA. Irrespective of the immediate challenges, and there will doubtless be many more in our future, we are confident that we will continue to enhance the Sex Offender Registry Program as required by law in order to achieve our goal of fully implementing the SORNA requirements. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with your office to achieve these worthy ends.

Sincerely,



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