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HEIGHTENED SECURITY FOR FOURTH OF JULY TRAVEL AT RED HOOK

Travelers are advised that security measures at the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal at Red Hook, St. Thomas will be heightened for the Fourth of July Festival celebration on St. John. Virgin Islands Port Authority Acting Executive Director Damian Cartwright said the heightened security measures are being conducted at the request of the St. John Festival Committee to ensure that the community is able to enjoy a safe Festival season.

VIPA Port Police, Transportation and Security Administration (TSA) officers and other law enforcement officers will be conducting security screenings at the ports. All contraband will be confiscated. In addition, persons traveling with licensed firearms will not be permitted to take them onto the passenger ferries, said Cartwright. All firearms must be turned in to the boat captains and will be returned to the individual upon return to St. Thomas. VIPA is asking those with licensed firearms to travel with a security box or locked container to properly secure their weapon.

For more information, please contact VIPA's Public Information Office at (340) 774-1629 ext. 6640 or info@viport.com.

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The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) is an autonomous, self-sustaining government agency established in 1969 as the owner and manager of the United States Virgin Island's airports and seaports. VIPA owns and manages 14 seaports, two airports and surrounding properties. It is a critical arm of the USVI's economy that facilitates travel and commerce and fosters tourism and economic growth via its port activities. VIPA's mandate is to develop and maintain the ports of the USVI to accommodate the current and future demands of our users, and to provide safe port facilities.