

TESTIMONY FOR SENATE HEARING ON BILL No. 31-0402

- Good Morning Senate Chairman, Fellow Senators, audience, and listeners.
- I am Lt Joseph D. Platt, Traffic Bureau Commander for the US Virgin Islands Police Department, St Croix District.
- Thank You for inviting the Virgin Islands Police Department here to testify on Bill **NO. 31-0402**.
- I will be representing Police Commissioner Delroy Richards, Sr.
- The position of the Virgin Islands Police Department is that it supports the proposed bill with the following suggestion and/or corrections;
 1. Section 1 of the Bill NO. 31-0402 be corrected to reflect Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, Part II Chapter 33, section 334.
 2. That Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, Part II Chapter 33, section 334, Subsection (a) state a location on the windshield and license plate where the registration sticker must be placed.
 3. That Title 20 Virgin Islands Code, Part II Chapter 33, section 334, Subsection (i) when added also add; “ **or operator**” after the word” **owner**.”

- The Virgin Islands Police Department position is that once an operator takes control and drives a vehicle they take responsibility for that vehicle and will be cited for the violations pertaining to that vehicle.
- If the citation is not paid when the non-owner operator receives a citation then the lien goes on the vehicle which is registered to the owner.
- Having more than one registration on the windshield is a safety hazard causing lack of visibility.
- Thank you again for the Virgin Islands Police Department to have the opportunity to testify on this bill.