

**TESTIMONY FOR SENATE HEARING ON
BILL NO. 31-0108**

- 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. 31-0108**.
- 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 suggestions.
- This bill does a couple of things as it relates to safety. First it helps the passengers in the vehicle when a crash may occur. During crashes unsecure items in the vehicle can be projected at a high rate of speed. As we know the license plate is very thin and can be projected like a knife severing soft tissue in its path. That can be any human body parts are limbs. Secondly by having the license plates on the front securely mounted on the outside front of the vehicle between the headlights and securely mounted on the outside rear of the vehicle between the taillights assist the police officers and general public in identifying a vehicle that may be fleeing the scene of crime or accident. The current law requires that when two license plates are issued they must be visibly displayed

and does not specify where. That has sometimes created problems in court when the issue comes up.

- I have had conversations with the sponsor of this bill, Senator Samuel Sanes about these concerns and suggested that the bill in its current form be amended to address the concerns.
- Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this Bill.