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Member, Committee on Economic Development and Agriculture  
Member, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

## **COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature's Committee on Homeland Security, Justice and Public Safety will meet on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

### **OFFICIAL AGENDA**

#### **BLOCK I: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Bill No. 36-0027** - An Act amending title 5 Virgin Islands Code, subtitle 3, part I, chapter 311 by enacting Jah'niqua's Law requiring a defendant to pay restitution in the form of child maintenance if the victim of the offense was the parent or guardian of a minor child or dependent and if the defendant was convicted of negligent homicide by means of a motor vehicle, a violation of title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 504, while under the influence of or affected by intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs; or was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquors or controlled substances, a violation of title 20 Virgin Islands Code, section 493, which results in an accident that causes the victim to become disabled or totally and permanently disabled. **(Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens)**

#### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Mario Brooks  
Commissioner  
Virgin Islands Police Department

Honorable Gordon Rhea  
V.I. Attorney General  
Virgin Islands Department of Justice

Mr. Frank Harris  
Director of Governmental Affairs  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving



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## **BLOCK II: 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.**

**Bill No. 36-0036** - An Act repealing and reenacting title 20 Virgin Islands Code, part II, chapter 43, section 512 increasing penalties for traffic violations; establishing a Virgin Islands Police Department Impound Lot; and for other related purposes. **(Sponsored by: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens)**

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Mario M. Brooks  
Commissioner  
V.I. Police Department

Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq.  
V.I. Attorney General  
V.I. Department of Justice

## **LUNCH BREAK: 12:10 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.**

## **BLOCK III: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Bill No. 36-0024** - An Act amending title 14 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 85 by adding section 1710 declaring a person incapable of consent to sexual relations while the person is in police custody. **(Sponsored by: Senator Ray Fonseca)**

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Mario M. Brooks  
Commissioner  
V.I. Police Department

Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq.  
V.I. Attorney General  
V.I. Department of Justice

Ms. Julie Smith Todman, Esq.  
Chief Public Defender  
V.I. Office of the Public Defender

Ms. Anya Stuart  
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## **BLOCK IV: 2:10 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.**

**Bill No. 36-0005** - An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 2, section 99 establishing a mandatory minimum bail amount in domestic violence cases. **(Sponsored by: Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.)**

### **Invited Testifiers:**

Honorable Gordon Rhea, Esq.  
V.I. Attorney General  
V.I. Department of Justice

Ms. Anya Stuart  
Executive Director  
Family Resource Center, Inc.

Dr. Clema Lewis  
Executive Director  
Women's Coalition of St. Croix

cc: All Senators  
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