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**Federal Agencies Within the Virgin Islands Are Committed to Working with
VI Law Enforcement to Fight Gun Crimes**

St. Thomas, USVI – Although all ATF agents have been removed from the Virgin Islands, all other federal law enforcement agencies remain fully engaged in their respective missions in the Virgin Islands, United States Attorney Ronald W. Sharpe announced today.

“I am fully committed to working with the Virgin Islands Police and Justice Departments to fight violence and firearms-related crimes in the territory,” Sharpe said. “Ensuring a safe and secure community is our top priority.”

Sharpe said federal law enforcement agencies have been, and continue to work with territorial law enforcement agencies on a number of task forces, and also conduct joint operations.

“To the extent that federal agents are legally empowered, they have historically assisted local law enforcement in combating crime and will continue to

do so in the future,” Sharpe said.