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### **DEA Caribbean Division in collaboration with the U.S. Virgin Islands HIDTA Prevention Initiative Launches Prescription Drug Drop Box Program in the U.S. Virgin Islands**

**St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands** – The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Caribbean Division, in partnership with the U.S. Virgin Islands HIDTA Prevention Initiative, the Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Health, the Overdose Response Strategy, the Centers for Disease Control, and the U.S. Postal Service, has launched the U.S. Virgin Islands Prescription Drug Drop Box Program. This initiative provides residents with a safe and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications, helping to prevent drug misuse and protect the environment.

Through this program, five secure drop box locations have been established across the U.S. Virgin Islands, two in St. Croix, two in St. Thomas, and one in St. John. These drop boxes allow community members to safely dispose of prescription medications, reducing the risk of diversion, addiction, and overdose.

“We all know the devastating impact that drug misuse can have on families and communities,” said DEA Caribbean Division Special Agent in Charge Michael A. Miranda. “By removing unused medications from our homes and disposing of them safely, we are taking a critical step in preventing substance misuse and overdose. This program is about protecting our loved ones and ensuring a healthier, safer future for the U.S. Virgin Islands.”

National studies show that nearly 70% of prescription drug diversion occurs among family and friends. Many cases of addiction and overdose begin with unused medications left in medicine cabinets. By offering secure disposal options, this program seeks to curb the availability of these medications, preventing potential tragedies.

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In addition to combating substance misuse, the program also addresses environmental concerns by keeping pharmaceuticals out of local water systems. Proper disposal helps prevent contamination and supports overall public health.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the program by, regularly reviewing their medications, safely disposing of unused or expired medications at the nearest drop box location, and spreading awareness within their communities.

The DEA Caribbean Division remains committed to fostering strong community partnerships to combat the opioid crisis and prescription drug misuse. This initiative underscores the importance of collaboration in keeping communities safe and healthy.

Drop Box Locations:

Gallows Bay Post Office, St. Croix  
Kingshill Post Office, St. Croix  
Frenchtown Post Office, St. Thomas  
Sugar Estate Post Office, St. Thomas  
Cruz Bay Post Office, St. John

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