

**RIVERA:**  
FROM PAGE 8

mother's birthday party." Knowing her, she would never have done that. Although one day after her birthday on Aug. 2nd, 2007 my mother's checking account balance amounted to over \$14,000, for yet unknown reasons on Aug. 8, 2007 a check for the sum of \$2,086.00 was paid to the order of "Ronald E. Russell," another on Aug. 8, 2007 for \$4,628.75 was paid to the order of "The Russell Law Firm "as reimbursements. On Aug. 3, one was signed to the order of a rental firm for \$3,495.08.

All of that money could have been used to better the living conditions of my mother. In spite of her total income close to \$3,000.00 a month, after paying-out various expenses, she had \$1,200 a month savings for the past years.

During a meeting with a social worker a representative of Continuum Care, her grandson and myself, we all agreed that my mother had to have 24-hour care and that it was not available in St. Croix. I decided then

to assume that responsibility with her in Puerto Rico.

After agreeing to the arrangement, for more than a week, my mother's grandson did not deliver to me her personal passport in his possession as promised, and in spite of her other personal identifications presented on March 8, 2007 the airline clerk refused to allowed her to travel to Puerto Rico without seeing her passport. With the help of her niece, Ms. Diedre Rohlsen, and a social worker who demanded that they call Puerto Rico Customs, she was able to get an afternoon flight, although she had to wait several hours.

My mother is in Puerto Rico, being taken care of. She graciously expresses her thanks to the Board of Directors of Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship for this great honor that is being bestowed upon her and that God Bless you all.

**Angel Rivera,**  
Puerto Rico

*(Editor's Note: This letter was accompanied by photocopies of the three checks referred to by the author about his mother's birthday party)*

**2300**

**C Condo - large** one bedroom, upper ding, Top floor unit, newly remodeled, stly furnished, Great view of Buck and, wonderful breeze eliminates the id of A/C most of times. \$1,450. Deposit aded, electricity not included. No oking. PLS call 277-0004.

**C condo** available now! Upper Level ed/ 1 bath, furnished, king bed, washer/ er, dishwasher, broadband internet, ple, water, mailbox, pool, security and beautiful Caribbean View! \$1,400 + apa, call 514-0122.

**C condo** for immediate rental. Top floor, y furnished, central AC utilities included cept power. Call 778-5481/ 277-1355

**all efficiency apartment** for rent in sted, fridge and stove. Good for single rson. \$400. Call 514-8684.

**spacious** bedrooms, 1 bath, beautiful chen, large patio. Completely furnished. itable for a family or roomates. It is next the Buccaneer \$1,500.00 utilities cluded. Call 773-6013.

**ie Crow's Nest:** This 1 bed/ 1 bath artment is fully furnished with appliances, C. it's own washer dryer, satellite T.V. ireless DSL available. This unit sits gh atop La Grande Princess Hill with utrageously beautiful views of hristiansted along the North Shore. ery private with security gate. \$1,000.00 er month. Utilities not included. Call 13-3625.

**wo bedroom 1-bathroom** (\$900). Three edroom 1-bathroom apt. (\$1200) + ecurity deposit. Both freshly eaned, painted & semi-furnished. No ets or sec 8 please. Utilities not included. vailable immediately in Catherine's est. Call 332-6236 or 719-9940 between