



## LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

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# No apologies, no respect

## Donastorg says Governor deJongh has insulted the public and the integrity of Federal investigators

ST. THOMAS – Senator Adlah “Foncie” Donastorg said Tuesday that the arrogance of the de Jongh Administration was appalling.

“We hoped to hear some kind of contrition, apology or even acknowledgement of the serious concerns documented by the United States Inspector General,” Donastorg said. “It was totally ignored in the Governor’s speech last night and just glossed over in today’s press conference.”

During Tuesday’s press conference Governor John de Jongh stated that he disagreed with the findings of the Federal audit that determined public funds were improperly spent for improvements to the his Estate Mafolie home.

“And we wonder why we have a crime problem here in the Virgin Islands?” Donastorg asked. “This is an unacceptable posture and sets a terrible example. It is time to take responsibility here and return this money to the Treasury.”

The Senator said the community should focus on law enforcement from the “top down”.

“We can’t go on penalizing those without means and resources while allowing those in positions of wealth and power to operate unchecked,” Donastorg said. “For too long this is what we have been doing and the Governor is now the poster child for greed and arrogance. Instead of admitting that he made a mistake he has now basically inferred that Federal auditors are not only wrong, but also biased against him.”

Donastorg strongly disagreed with the Governor’s assertion that he had sought “the most cost effective” solution to his housing dilemma when he elected to use tax dollars to improve his private home.

“Are you kidding me – is the Governor saying that it would take more than one half million dollars to make Estate Catherineberg a suitable place to live?” Donastorg asked. “He is clearly totally out of touch with the community.”

Senator Donastorg said that the “Mafoliegate” issue will not die until those responsible are brought to justice and the monies repaid.

“I did not bring this issue to the forefront because of my interest in seeking a higher office, but rather I have maintained my interest in seeking higher office because of issues like this,” Donastorg said. “There is no accountability, no compassion, no passion, no heart and no soul at the top of this Administration. We do not need a slick businessman or convincing spokesperson. We need a true leader that loves these islands. We need to fully investigate the conspiracy that took place in order to cover up this issue. We need to know who was actually involved and how we can ensure that nothing like this happens again. We must make the choice for change and insist that justice be

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