

News Items and Public Crime Summary for Week Ending March 19, 2011

Aruba – Justice Minister Dowers Receives IOM TIP Manual

Aruba Trafficking in Persons (TIP) coordinator Jeanette Richardson-Baars presented Aruba Justice Minister Arthur Dowers with an International Organization for Migration (IOM) Handbook on Direct Assistance for Victims of Trafficking. Richardson-Baars recently visited Washington DC where she met with several TIP organizations and specialists.

IOM has more than 17 years of experience in implementing counter-trafficking activities and has provided assistance to over 14,000 victims of trafficking in all regions of the world. The handbook summarizes and systematizes this experience. IOM recognizes that each victim is unique and requires and desires different assistance. The nature of trafficking is different around the world, as well, and is ever evolving, requiring changing responses. (Amigoe)

Curacao – Venezuelan Tourism Decline Continues; U.S. Market Up

The Curacao Tourism Bureau (CTB) reported a 7% tourism decline in 2010 compared to 2009. The 58% decline in Venezuelan tourists in 2010 is worrisome because Venezuela is a significant part of the entire tourism market from South America. 341,651 tourists visited Curacao in 2010, compared to 366,679 in 2009. The U.S. market (48,731) increased by 35% in 2010 compared to 2009. The CTB contributed the increase to the “Curacao Wow” and “Escape The Winter Blues” promotion campaigns. (Various media)

Statia – New Island Government Inaugurated

Statia Island Governor Gerald Berkel has sworn-in the new Island Commissioners Clyde van Putten of Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and Glenville Schmidt of St. Eustatius Empowerment Party (STEP), as well as new Island Council members Koos Sneek and Reuben Merkman of the Democratic Party (DP), Reginald Zaandam of United People’s Coalition (UPC), Franklin Brown (STEP), and Millicent Lijfrock-Marsden (PLP). (Various media)

Saba – New Island Government Inaugurated

The new Saba Island Council members Eviton Heyliger, Shamara Nicholson, Rolando Wilson, Carl Buncamper of the Windward Islands People’s Movement (WIPM) and Ishmael Levenstone (Saba Labor Party) were all sworn-in by Saba Island Governor Jonathan Johnson.

Bruce Zagers and Chris Johnson are the new Saba Island Commissioners. (Various media)

Bonaire – New Island Government Inaugurated

Democratic Party (DP) council members Robbie Beukenboom, Clark Abraham, Nolly Oleana, Free Bonaire Movement (MBL) council member Benito Dirksz, Pro Justice and Union party (PHU) council member Michiel Bijkerk, and UPB council members Maritsa Silberie, Milena Winklaar, Jeffrey Leenstone, and Burney El Hage were all sworn-in by Island Governor Glenn Thode. (Various media)

Aruba – Police Interested in Laptop Joran Van Der Sloot

FBI agents reportedly traveled to Peru to study a laptop belonging to Joran Van der Sloot, arrested twice in connection with the Natalee Holloway case. Aruba police also requested to investigate the laptop, Public Prosecutor Blanken said. Van der Sloot faces federal wire fraud and extortion charges in the United States and he is accused of first-degree murder and robbery in the case of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in June of last year. (Various media)

Curacao – Cocaine In Shipped Crates Discovered In The Netherlands

Dutch detectives discovered 30 kilograms of cocaine in a container on a ship that arrived from Curacao. Two male suspects were arrested. The drugs were hidden in three wooden crates containing shipping parts. (Various media)

Aruba - Earthquake Felt In Aruba

Aruba experienced an earthquake last Saturday at 5:30 a.m. The quake's epicenter was 55 kilometers north-east of Punto Fijo, Venezuela at a depth of 17.3 and registered 4.1 on the Richter scale. There were no reports of damage. (Various media)

Curacao – Isla Refinery Stench; Schools Close

The Venezuela state-owned PdVSA-operated Isla refinery experienced technical problems which caused an increase of chemical odors sickening children in neighboring schools. The Education Ministry allowed three schools, totaling more than 1000 students, in the vicinity of the refinery to close immediately. (Amigoe)

St. Maarten – PM Sarah Wescot-Williams in the Netherlands

St. Maarten PM Sarah Wescot-Williams left St. Maarten for the Netherlands on Monday afternoon for a working trip. Wescot-Williams scheduled meetings with Her Majesty Queen Beatrix, French Ambassador Jean-François Blarel, Dutch Interior Affairs and Kingdom Relations Minister Piet Hein Donner, Dutch Second Chamber Chairperson Gerdi Verbeet, and Dutch Foreign Affairs Minister Uri Rosenthal. She received criticism from Dutch MPs after the PM stated that St. Maarten does not need financial supervision despite St. Maarten's budget deficit. Wescot-Williams returns home on Saturday. (Various media)

Aruba - Fort Valley State University Interested in Local Culture

Aruba Ministers Otmar Oduber and Arthur Dowers met with students and teachers from Fort Valley State University, GA (FVSU), on Monday.

Aruba and FVSU are exploring future cooperation, student exchange possibilities and other opportunities, according to a press statement. FVSU embraces a history that weaves together African-American culture, a commitment to personal and intellectual growth and a deep sense of community. (Extra)

Aruba - Aruba Tourism Looks to UCF Experts

The Dick Pope Sr. Institute for Tourism Studies at the University of Central Florida (UCF) Rosen College of Hospitality Management has been awarded a research project for the Minister of Tourism of Aruba. The Institute will be preparing a strategic plan for the development of tourism in Aruba in the 21st century aimed at maintaining and improving Aruba's competitive position in the Caribbean in this century.

Additionally, the strategic plan will assist in generating sustainable growth in the tourism sector in a socially acceptable, environmentally sound and economically viable manner. The project will employ a variety of methodologies including focus groups, competitiveness analysis, surveys, marketing intelligence reports, supply analysis, and a variety of other tools. The Institute is expected to finish the project in November 2011. (Various media)

Curacao - Curacao Contracts Adacel for ATC Tower Simulation System

Orlando, FL-based Adacel announced today it has been awarded a contract by Netherlands Antilles Air Traffic Control N.V. (NAATC) of Curacao to provide a MaxSim Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower simulation system. Adacel is scheduled to deliver the system to the NAATC in April 2011.

"Adacel is proud to be selected by Curacao to support its ATC program with our advanced simulation technology," said Fred Sheldon, Adacel's CEO North America. "Curacao plays an important role in the air traffic control network of the highly popular Caribbean tourist destinations and Adacel is pleased to assist in the development of their air traffic control capabilities." (Antilles Post)

Dutch Caribbean - U.S. Consul General Valerie Belon Meets President Barack Obama

Valerie Belon, U.S. Consul General in Curacao since August 2010, met with U.S. President Barack Obama during an official trip to Washington in February. During her visit, Consul General Belon participated in a regional conference of Chiefs of Mission from Latin America and the Caribbean followed by the first-ever Global Chiefs of Mission Conference. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton convened this unprecedented Global Chiefs of Mission Conference to gather U.S. Ambassadors from around the world simultaneously to discuss common challenges, to share experiences, and to better understand the goals and conclusions of the State Department's recently-released Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR).

The QDDR provides a blueprint for elevating American "civilian power" to better advance U.S. national interests and to be a better partner with the U.S. military. Leading through

civilian power means directing and coordinating the resources of all America's civilian agencies to prevent and resolve conflicts; to help countries lift themselves out of poverty into prosperous, stable, and democratic states; and to build global coalitions to address global problems. This applies all around the world, including in the Dutch Caribbean. For example, in Curacao the U.S. Air Force operates the U.S. Forward Operating Location (USFOL) which plays an important role in counter-narcotics efforts.

Simultaneously, U.S. civilian power – represented by the State Department, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and other agencies – paves the way for the USFOL's successful counter-drug efforts, working directly with local and regional partners. Civilian leaders work side-by-side with law enforcement in the Dutch Caribbean to reduce drug trafficking and its associated crime. Civilian leaders also engage local organizations on such global issues like trafficking in persons and human rights.

Secretary Clinton summarized the QDDR's conclusions this way: "We will build up our civilian power: the combined force of civilians working together across the U.S. government to practice diplomacy, carry out development projects, and prevent and respond to crises. Many different agencies contribute to these efforts today, but their work can be more unified, more focused, and more efficient. The State Department and USAID will take a lead role in making that happen."

The 2011 Global Chiefs of Mission Conference gave participants an unprecedented opportunity to mobilize and coordinate the work of America's Ambassadors overseas. While addressing the Chiefs of Mission, Secretary Clinton expressed her positive view of "volume of conversation that is occurring." She said, "It's one of the ancillary benefits that we hoped would occur because of the opportunity for people to come together and share ideas." The Conference ended at the White House, where Consul General Belon was able to meet directly with President Obama. (Various media)

Dutch Caribbean - U.S. Consulate General Cautions Against Diversity Visa Scams

The U.S. Consulate General Curacao reminds citizens and residents to use caution when working with private entities to apply for visas to the United States, as reports of fraudulent e-mails, websites, and print advertisements offering visa services are on the rise.

In particular, one widespread Diversity Visa (DV) scam e-mail instructs recipients to send money via Western Union to a fictitious person at the U.S. Embassy in London. If you have received this e-mail, you have been targeted by con artists. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should money be sent to any address for participation in the DV Lottery. The Department of State's Kentucky Consular Center (KCC) does not send e-mail notification to DV entrants informing them of their winning entries. DV-2012 applicants will never receive correspondence containing information on an applicant's status, but will only receive notification directing them to check their status on the official website. The only official way to receive status updates is through the DV program website at www.dvlottery.state.gov.

Many private websites offer legitimate services to assist individuals in applying for visas, but some illegitimate entities claim to provide "visa services" as a cover for scams or identity theft. Some of these websites may attempt to charge a fee for providing forms and information about immigration procedures that are available to the public at no charge on the Department of State (www.state.gov) and travel.state.gov websites, or through the U.S. Consulate website (<http://curacao.usconsulate.gov>).

Persons who wish to apply for U.S. visas should use caution before deciding to send via e-mail personal information such as credit card and bank account numbers. The only official way to register for the DV program is directly through the official U.S. Department of State website during the specified, limited-time registration period.

The DV program offers up to 55,000 visa slots annually for people who wish to apply for immigration to the United States. Applicants selected in the random drawing are notified by the U.S. Department of State and are provided with instructions on how to proceed to the next step in the process. No other organization or private company is authorized by the U.S. Department of State to notify DV program applicants of their winning entries or the next steps in the process of applying for their immigrant visas.

Successful DV-2011 applicants already have been notified by KCC by letter, not by e-mail. DV-2011 entrants also can check the status of their entries at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> until June 30, 2011. Entrants will not be asked to send money to the KCC or any U.S. embassy or consulate.

Entrants who completed the online DV-2012 entries will not receive notification letters from KCC. Rather, they must check the status of their entries themselves through the Entrant Status Check available at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> between May 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

To report incidents of visa fraud, please contact the Consulate General via e-mail at nivcuracao@state.gov.

Images of U.S. emblems such as flags, eagles, monuments, or official seals do not necessarily indicate a U.S. Government website. A domain name of ".gov" ensures that a website is a legitimate U.S. Government site where the information is free and up-to-date.

Complaints about unwanted e-mails that may be scams can be sent to the U.S. Department of Justice at www.usdoj.gov/spam.htm. (Various media)

Curacao - Local Woman Saved From Armed Robbery Attempt

On March 3, 2011, an armed robbery attempt was thwarted when a local woman was protected by a U.S. Airman from the U.S. Forward Operating Location (USFOL), as an assailant attempted to rob her. In the parking lot of a busy grocery store, Staff Sergeant Juston Sims, 429th Expeditionary Operations Squadron aircraft mechanic at the USFOL, heard a woman scream and discovered a crime in progress. An armed man was attempting to rob Ms. Jennifer Peterson who had just finished her shopping.

Sergeant Sims intervened by pulling Peterson from the vehicle, out of the reach of the knife-wielding assailant. The suspect then fled the scene. Sergeant Sims made sure the woman was uninjured, the situation was under control and that the police and the woman's family were notified. He then reported for duty at the USFOL.

Peterson never got the name of her protector before he had to go to work at the USFOL, she correctly guessed by his accent that he was American and contacted the USFOL to find her rescuer. Peterson expressed her gratitude to Airman Sims in a letter, thanking him for his bravery, quick-thinking and compassion. She was invited to the USFOL where she was able to thank Sergeant Sims in person for assisting her in a life threatening situation. "Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will never forget your bravery and your compassion," said Peterson.

The USFOL Commander, Lt. Colonel Brian Bell, commented, "As a member of the local community, this Airman did something that any Airman would do to help someone in his community who was in need of assistance. We are neighbors looking after our

neighbors. Sergeant Sims is simply a humble Airman who is glad that he could help. We remain appreciative partners with the Curacao community." (Various media)

Curacao – Family Practitioners, and Other Medics Go On Strike

Family practitioners, specialists, physiotherapists, and speech therapists are on strike for the second day in a row. They are protesting against the new health care compensation structure, as proposed by Health Minister Jacintha Constantia. Medical staff on duty is available in emergency situations only, a spokesperson for the family practitioners association said. The association is planning more actions if the Minister does not alter her plans. (Various media)

Curacao – Isla Refinery Stench Continues; More Schools Close

The Venezuela state-owned PdVSA-operated Isla refinery experienced technical problems which caused an increase of chemical odors sickening children in neighboring schools. The Education Ministry allowed schools in the vicinity of the refinery to close on Monday. The problems have not been resolved resulting in more schools closing their doors on Wednesday. (Various media)

Region - U.S., Caribbean To Test Tsunami Warning System

Following the devastating tsunami that struck Japan, the U.S. and 32 other countries are preparing to participate in the first full-scale simulated tsunami alert exercise in the Caribbean, UNESCO says. Caribbean countries will receive an alert concerning a fictitious earthquake of a 7.6 magnitude off the coast of the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Caribe Wave 11 exercise will involve bulletins by two tsunami warning centers and does not involve communities. It aims to test the effectiveness of alert, monitoring and warning systems among all the emergency management organizations, such as weather forecast offices and the Coast Guard.

Previous experience shows the importance of rapid transmission of information, a news release from UNESCO said. It has also shown that national authorities must take risk into account at all levels, including education about hazards in schools, urban planning in coastal zones, modification of building codes and materials, evacuation plans for communities and organization of effective emergency services.

"The earthquake and tsunami that have devastated Japan have shown how essential alert systems are," UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova said. "In this context, the development of a coordinated system in the Caribbean is more relevant than ever, enabling coastal countries to prepare in the event of such a disaster and to save human lives."

Over the last 500 years, 75 tsunamis have occurred in the Caribbean. This figure represents about 10 percent of the oceanic tsunamis in the world during that period. Tsunamis – caused by earthquakes or landslides or of volcanic origin – have killed more than 3,500 people in the Caribbean region since the mid-19th century, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In recent decades, an explosion in population growth and the number of tourists in coastal areas have further increased the region's vulnerability.

Simulated tsunami exercises have previously been organized in the Pacific Ocean in 2008 and in the Indian Ocean in 2009.

The countries participating in the Caribbean exercise are Aruba, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Canada,

Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Martin, Guyana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Bonaire, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Curacao, Sint Maarten, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Turks and Caicos, and the U.S. (Aruba Post)

Curacao – Caribbean Hurricane Awareness Tour Visits Curacao

During a recent trip to the United States, Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte visited the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami. At that time, he arranged for the U.S. Air Force Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, better known as the "Hurricane Hunters," to come to Curacao on March 24, 2011. Experts of the NHC will visit the island and the plane will be open to the public for display this day only.

The purpose of this visit is to raise people's awareness of disaster management risk and preparedness as well as to the important role the Meteorological Department Curacao (MDC) plays concerning the security of Curacao's population. This is also an opportunity for young people to learn about the plane and its mission. Preparations before hurricane season are very important. MDC assists with hurricane preparedness by informing the public of the necessary steps to be taken before and during the passage of a hurricane, both direct or nearby, including international cooperation with the NHC. The NHC is the designated, specialized regional hurricane center by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The 2010 hurricane season included Tomas, the source of significant damage to Curacao. Regional cooperation is also an important element of being prepared for a hurricane.

The U.S. delegation will be headed by Dr. Bill Read, director of the NHC, together with experts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the NHC and U.S. Air Force Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. Curacao is one stop on a regional Caribbean awareness tour by this delegation in support of a local warning system for hurricanes and the disaster management office.

The task of the famous Hurricane Hunter is to investigate hurricanes and hence assist with the warning system for hurricanes in this region. This WC-130J Hercules Hurricane Hunter is an impressive plane with sophisticated equipment on board. Information gathered by this plane is used to plan actions to minimize damage that can occur during the passage of a hurricane. The Prime Minister is very enthusiastic for school children to visit the "Hurricane Hunter" aircraft, to participate in this event and to raise awareness among young people.

Besides MDC, the Emergency Office/ Fire Department, CITRO, Red Cross, Coast Guard will also be attending to explain their local procedures in the event of a hurricane.

The program for March 24, 2011, held at the Coast Guard Hato is:

10:05 AM Welcoming of the delegation and opening of the exhibition by the Prime Minister

10:15 AM- 12:00 PM Exhibition open for schools to visit

10:35 AM- 11:20 AM Press Conference

12:30 PM - 04:00 PM Exhibition open for general public.

The general public of Curacao is invited to take advantage of this great opportunity to see a Hurricane Hunter. The Hurricane Hunter flies through hurricanes and gathers data for the compilation of warning messages.

The airplane will be stationed on the Coast Guard Ramp (southeast of the airport, close to Curinde N.V.), thanks to the great collaboration from the United States Forward Operating Location (USFOL) and Coast Guard Hato. Shuttles will be available to

transport public visitors from parking at Hato Caves and the Free Zone. All members of the public are welcome to attend, but please note that visitors are not permitted to enter the exhibit area with bags or backpacks. The organizers request that these and all other unnecessary items be left in your vehicle.

The government of Curacao recognizes the importance of its own Meteorological Service and the critical role it plays in protecting the lives and property of its own community. The Meteorological Service continues to appreciate and rely on the community's strong support to maintain the mission's high standards.

In Curacao, we appreciate these international efforts and are very grateful to the United States of America and, in particular, this Hurricane Liaison Mission.

Please visit our website on www.meteo.an/chat and follow the local media for more information.

Curacao – McDonald's To Open Regional Training Center

Curacao Traffic and Transportation Minister Charles Cooper announced that Oak Brook, IL-based McDonald's Cooperation will open a regional McDonald's operations training and leadership development center in Curacao. McDonald's is the leading global foodservice retailer with more than 32,000 local restaurants serving more than 60 million people in 117 countries each day. More than 75% of McDonald's restaurants worldwide are independently owned and operated by local men and women. (Various media)

Aruba - Is Dr. Phil Winning or Losing the Natalee Holloway Case Battle?

The question of who is winning a courtroom showdown between Dr. Phil McGraw and two Surinamese brothers in the Natalee Holloway case may be up in the air at the moment. However, the TV star's attorney is in a take-no-prisoners mood responding to recent media articles that suggest his side is losing.

"The problem with these f---ing things [is] they get a life of their own," Dr. Phil's attorney, Charles Babcock, told AOL News.

Babcock also accused the Aruba tourism industry of financing the suit against his client, which the country's tourism agency denied. The latest developments in the case began to unfold Tuesday, when celebrity gossip website TMZ posted an article titled, "Dr. Phil Loses Battle in Natalee Holloway Case."

Holloway, from Mountain Brook, Ala., disappeared May 30, 2005, while on a trip to Aruba to celebrate her high school graduation. Her body has never been found.

Holloway's classmates said they last saw her leaving a night club with Joran van der Sloot, then a 17-year-old Aruban, and his two friends, Surinamese brothers Deepak and Satish Kalpoe. All three young men were arrested, but they were later released without charge. The Kalpoe brothers are suing Dr. Phil and CBS for defamation. They allege that the show aired "misleading portions of interviews and statements," with the intention of portraying that they were "guilty of committing criminal acts against Holloway." (Amigoe)

Curacao – PM Schotte: “Oil Drilling Debate on Hold”

Oil and natural gas research and drilling discussions in Curacao's territorial waters are on hold, Curacao PM Schotte said. Talks late last year were adjourned to give PM Schotte more time to prepare, but the PM recently requested additional preparation time.

PM Schotte said he has copies of signed contracts for research into the presence of and drilling for oil. Opposition party PAR has denied allegations from the government that there are signed oil drilling contracts, but acknowledged there are signed oil research contracts. (Extra)

BES – Dutch Education Minister To Visit BES-Islands

Dutch Education Minister Marja van Bijsterveldt-Vliegenhart will be on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, March 21-25. The Minister will visit primary, secondary, and vocational schools. Also, she will meet with school boards and school managers regarding the targeted goals for the improvement of education on Bonaire, St. Eustatius, and Saba. (Daily Herald)

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Crime March 11 – 17

On March 12, five robberies took place. A Chinese restaurant in Piscadera was robbed at closing time by two masked men. A restaurant in Santa Maria was also robbed. A store in Santa Rosa was robbed. The suspect in this robbery fired one random shot when fleeing the scene. In Veeris, a woman exiting a funeral parlor was robbed by three men. At another (unknown) location, home renters were robbed by three masked men. One victim was beaten. There were four robberies on March 13 which took place in Sukasa, Kortijn, Julianadorp, and Trai Seru (no details available). On March 14, tourists in Bapor Kibrá were robbed by three men. (Amigoe, Antilliaans Dagblad, Extra)

ST. MAARTEN

Crime March 11 – 17

On March 11, a female pedestrian in Soualiga was robbed. The following day, there were two attempted robberies. When a man tried to rob a gas station in St. Peters, the station attendant ran into the building and locked the door. The suspect then fled the area. The same evening, a man tried to rob a tourist in a parking lot in Simpson Bay. After a short struggle with the victim, the suspect fled the area. On March 16, a home owner was robbed. The suspect fled when police arrived. (Daily Herald, St. Maarten Island Time)

Crime, traffic major concerns for cruise visitors

Crime and traffic congestion are two of the major concerns cruise ship passengers have while visiting St. Maarten. Deputy Prime Minister Theo Heyliger disclosed that a number of surveys conducted among cruise ship passengers revealed that traffic congestion and crime continue to be matters of concern. "We still have to be able to make sure that the ships continue to come here," Heyliger said. He said some of the solutions that the island will pursue to deal with these problems will be presented at a cruise shipping conference this week which he

will attend. Cruise ship destinations will also be marketed at this conference. (St. Maarten Island Time)

Robbery suspects flee scene of car crash

Three robbery suspects fled from police at the scene of a three-car crash at the end of a high-speed chase in Philipsburg on March 14. The driver of a stolen vehicle, used in a robbery on March 12, was directed by police officers to stop. When the officers attempted to block the path of the vehicle, the driver increased his speed. The officers fired two shots at the vehicle in response, hitting the car. The driver did not stop and continued to flee with the police in pursuit. There was a great deal of traffic and at one point the police car allegedly sideswiped the fleeing vehicle, causing it to crash into the parked car of a woman who had pulled over to avoid the chase. The suspects in the fleeing car abandoned their vehicle and fled down an alleyway. A search of the area by police proved fruitless. One of the officers in the police vehicle was injured during the collision. He was treated by hospital staff and later released. (Daily Herald, St. Maarten Island Time, Amigoe)

Robbery suspect fires at police

On March 16, police officers were dispatched to Saunders to investigate an ongoing armed robbery. Upon arrival, the suspect fled, firing two shots at the pursuing officers. While nobody was hit, the suspect successfully eluded the officers in the bushy terrain. (Daily Herald, St. Maarten Island Time)

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