

## Royal Caribbean International Statement

January 20, 2006

Blair Shannon, a 47-year-old contract entertainer for Royal Caribbean International and other venues, was found shot to death in his hotel room at the Carib Beach Resort in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on Thursday, shortly after 11 p.m. local time.

Our hearts go out to Shannon's family, which has suffered a tragic and unimaginable loss.

Shannon had performed on several Royal Caribbean ships as a comedian and impressionist for approximately 10 to 15 years. He had just completed a brief stint on *Jewel of the Seas* on Thursday and was planning to join *Voyager of the Seas* in Miami on Saturday for another series of appearances during the ship's upcoming seven-night Caribbean cruise. Shannon worked an estimated 20 to 30 contracts per year on Royal Caribbean ships, and his engagements usually lasted from one to three days.

Shannon, who had voluntarily left *Jewel of the Seas* for an overnight vacation stay with his girlfriend, had booked his own hotel accommodations in St. Thomas.

All specific questions regarding the investigation of Shannon's death should be directed to the Virgin Islands Police Department.

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