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45 HAITIAN NATIONALS LANDED ON LONG ISLAND

On Saturday, 26th December 2020, a group of thirty-six (36) adult Haitian males, and nine (9) adult Haitian females were lawfully arrested and detained by officers of the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) and Bahamas Customs Department after their vessel came ashore at Clarence Town, Long Island.

Immigration officials have been dispatched to Long Island for investigation and further processing of the migrants who are presently being held at the Community Center, Clarence Town. All migrants have received medical attention from local Ministry of Health personnel, and are reported well.

The group is expected to appear in Magistrate's Court at Clarence Town, Long Island on Tuesday, 29th December, 2020.

The public is reminded that The Department of Immigration is committed to carrying out the mandates of our agency to combat illegal migration by establishing effective border control management to ensure compliance with the Statute Laws of our country.

We further wish to remind members of the public that it is a criminal offence punishable by law to harbor illegal migrants in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

For further information, you may visit our website at www.immigration.gov.bs or call our hotline anonymously at 1-242-502-0574.

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Mission Statement: *To regulate the movement of people across the borders of The Bahamas so as to ensure the security, facilitate economic advancement and promote the harmonious social development of The Bahamas through the collaborative efforts of responsible government and non-government agencies both nationally and internationally*