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2 FOREIGN NATIONALS CHARGED IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT

On Wednesday, 21st April 2021 one Dominican national and one Colombian national appeared before Senior Magistrate Darence Rolle-Davis in the Magistrate's Court #5 and were convicted of **Overstaying**.

Jesus Castillo (m) of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and **Luis Henao Saldarriaga (m)** of Medellin, Colombia both pled guilty. Subsequently, they were convicted and fined **\$3,000.00** each or in default of payment serve **3 months** at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDOCS). Upon payment of fines or custodial sentences, they were ordered to be turned over to the Department of Immigration for deportation.

These arrests were a result of an intelligence led operation conducted in New Providence on Monday, 12th April by the Bahamas Immigration Department, Enforcement Unit.

The public is reminded that overstaying is a punishable offense in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. If a visitor wishes to remain in the country beyond the period granted, they can apply for a Visitor's Extension before the time granted expires and, is subject to the discretion of the Department of Immigration. We further wish to remind members of the public that we are committed to carrying out the mandate of our agency to combat illegal migration, by establishing effective border control management to ensure compliance with the Statute Laws of our country,

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