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### **BAHAMAS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE #31/21**

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#### **10 FOREIGN NATIONALS CHARGED IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, MARSH HARBOUR**

On Monday, August 30, two (2) Haitian females and three (3) Haitian males appeared in the Magistrate's Court, Marsh Harbour, Abaco before Chief Magistrate Ancella Evans, and pled guilty to the charge of **Illegal Landing**. The duo was fined **\$300.00** each or, in default of payment, serve **one (1) month** at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDOCS).

Additionally, One (1) Haitian female, one (1) Colombian female, and one (1) Colombian male, also pled guilty to **Overstaying**, and were subsequently fined **\$1,000.00** each or, in default of payment, serve **three (3) months** at BDOCS.

On Tuesday, August 31, also appearing before Chief Magistrate Ancella Evans was one (1) Haitian female, with an expired Work Permit and no record of submission for renewal. Subject pled guilty to **Overstaying**, and was fined **\$1,000.00** for the infraction, or in default of payment, serve **three (3) months** at BDOCS.

Upon payment of fines or completion of custodial sentences, the above migrants were ordered to be turned over to the Department of Immigration for deportation.

The public is reminded that we are committed to executing the mandates of our Agency by effectively coordinating efforts with other Law Enforcement agencies, and international stakeholders to ensure compliance with the Statute Laws of The Bahamas.

For further information, you may visit our website at [www.immigration.gov.bs](http://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*