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12 FOREIGN NATIONALS CHARGED IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, GRAND BAHAMA

During the week 29th November to 3rd December, the Department's Enforcement Unit, Grand Bahama District, played a pivotal role in the launch of Operation Turquesa; a global Interpol led operation targeting suspected facilitators and participants in Human Smuggling.

The operation resulted in the arrest of three (3) Dominican, two (2) Ecuadorian, and seven (7) Haitian nationals, for various infractions of the Immigration Act.

All subjects were prosecuted for their various infractions; fines subsequently paid as ordered by the Magistrate, and escorted to the Carmichael Road Detention Center to await deportation to their respective home countries.

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 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*