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12 FOREIGN NATIONALS APPREHENDED ON FRAZER'S HOG CAY, BERRY ISLANDS

On Sunday, January 2, eleven (11) Cuban migrants, and one (1) Haitian migrant were apprehended by the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF) and subsequently turned over to Immigration officials at Chub Cay to be processed. The group were apprehended after they were sighted disembarking an unknown vessel. A search of the area was conducted, and the group was later found at Frazer's Hog Cay in the Berry Islands.

All migrants were assessed by the local emergency medical personnel and was reportedly in good health.

Upon interview, the group claimed that they had been on a boat excursion from Nassau, New Providence when they were informed by the captain to disembark as the vessel had experienced problems. Initial investigations revealed that the Department has documentation for the Haitian national. Additionally, all Cuban nationals were visitors who overstayed their authorized stay in the country.

The group was transported to New Providence on January 3, for further processing and to be charged with **Overstaying**.

51 HAITIAN NATIONALS APPREHENDED IN SAVANNAH SOUND, ELEUTHERA

A group of thirty-seven (37) males, ten (10) females, and four (4) minors were taken into custody after being found on a vessel in waters near Savannah Sound, Eleuthera, on Monday, January 3.

The group was held at the Savannah Sound Resource Center where a team from the Ministry of Health and Wellness Unit assessed them. No major medical issues were reported.

They were subsequently transported to New Providence on January 4 for further processing and prosecution in violation of Chapter 191 of the Immigration Act.

The Department reminds the general public that we are committed to executing the mandates of our agency. We do this by effectively coordinating efforts with our law enforcement counterparts both locally and internationally to ensure compliance with the statute laws of our country.

We also likewise take this opportunity to thank concerned members of the public for your continued support. For further information, you may visit our website at **www.immigration.gov.bs** or call anonymously on the hotline **1-242-502-0574**.

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