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5 FOREIGN NATIONALS APPREHENDED IN BIMINI

In an operation conducted on the island of Bimini on Tuesday, January 4, Immigration Officers arrested three (3) Jamaican and two (2) Georgian males. Migrants were found to have overstayed the period granted as a visitor in The Bahamas. A search of the Department's database revealed that no extensions were requested. Subsequently, they were transported to the Carmichael Road Detention Centre, New Providence, where they await prosecution. All migrants are expected to appear in the Magistrate's Court this week on the charge of **Overstaying**.

COVID-19 testing was conducted by a local laboratory upon arrival to New Providence; all results were negative.

The Department of Immigration is committed to carrying out its mandate, to combat illegal migration by establishing effective border control management to ensure compliance with the Statute Laws of our country.

For more information please contact the Department of Immigration's Public Relations Unit or visit our website: **www.immigration.gov.bs** and follow us on Facebook @immdept Bahamas Department of Immigration.

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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*