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118 HAITIAN MIGRANTS APPREHENDED NORTH-EAST OF ELEUTHERA

On Thursday, 6th January 2022, a group of Haitian migrants were spotted North-East of Eleuthera by officers onboard the Royal Bahamas Defence Force's vessel HMBS Madeira. They were taken into custody, and subsequently transported to New Providence and turned over to Bahamas Immigration officials for processing. The group consisted of ninety-five (95) males, twenty-one (21) females, and two (2) minors.

The Department's records revealed that all of the migrants are without legal immigration status in The Bahamas, and as such, were found to have entered illegally. A Magistrate's Court appearance is expected for the migrants to be charged with **Illegal Landing**.

All migrants were tested for COVID-19 by medical personnel according to the Department's safety protocol. All results were negative.

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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*