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65 Migrants Handed Over to Immigration Officials, Grand Bahama

On today's date at approximately 8:00 am, officers for the Enforcement Unit Grand Bahama, received a total of sixty five (65) migrants from USCG "Vigorous" at the Lucayan Harbour. This group consisting of sixty (61) Haitian, one (1) Dominican, and three (3) Cuban nationals were found in waters three (3) miles off Bimini island.

As the Department considers the safety and welfare of officers and migrants the utmost importance, the group was examined and screened by Ministry of Health personnel, tested negative for COVID-19, and is currently being further processed by Immigration with all Department mandated health and safety protocols strictly enforced. Upon completion of processing, repatriation will be effected in accordance with national and international guidelines.

For further information, you may contact the Public Relations Unit, New Providence at 1-242-322-7530, Grand Bahama at 1-242-602-9744, or visit our website at www.immigration.gov.bs, or call our hotline anonymously at 1-242-502-0574.

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