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### **BAHAMAS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE #32/22**

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#### **Department of Immigration Increases Visibility in an Effort to Curb the Flow of Illegal Migration and Suspected Human Smuggling in the New Providence Area**

On Thursday, 21st July, 2022, at 0900hrs, Officers Department's New Providence Enforcement Charlie and Delta Units conducted routine status checks in the Western District of New Providence. This action resulted in the arrest of numerous migrants for the following infractions of the Immigration Act: Overstaying, Illegal Landing, and Outstanding Permit Fees. All migrants were processed and lawfully detained at the Carmichael Road Detention Centre pending further investigation and in some cases, future prosecution.

On Thursday, 21st July 2022, at 6:00pm, Immigration Officers along with officers from the Royal Bahamas Police and Defence Forces responded to reports of a possible illegal landing in the Jaws Beach Area. An extensive search of the area resulted in five (5) Haitian nationals being detained for status checks and later found to be involved in an attempted human smuggling operation; investigation into the matter continues.

As a reminder, the public is advised that the Department is committed to executing its mandate by effectively coordinating efforts with other Law Enforcement agencies, as well as international stakeholders; thus ensuring compliance with the Statute Laws of our country.

For further information, you may visit our website at **[www.immigration.gov.bs](http://www.immigration.gov.bs)** or call our Public Relations Unit Grand Bahama at 602-9744 or the Department's hotline anonymously at **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*