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46 Migrants Apprehended at Sea by United States Coast Guard

On Friday, 12th August, 2022, officers from the Enforcement Unit, Grand Bahama District received a group of forty-six (**46**) migrants found in waters near Anguilla Cay from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Cutter Paul Clark.

The group consisted of thirty-one (**31**) Cuban nationals, twenty-one (**21**) adult males, six (**6**) adult females and four (**4**) minors; four (**4**) Jamaican nationals, two (**2**) adult males, and two (**2**) adult females; seven (**7**) Haitian nationals, three (**3**) adult males and four (**4**) adult females; three (**3**) Chinese adult males; and one (**1**) Brazilian adult female.

In keeping with the Department and the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 guidelines, all migrants were examined, tested and subsequently transported to the Carmichael Road Detention Center on Friday for further processing and to await repatriation to their homeland; all safety protocols were strictly observed during transport and handover.

For more information, call the Public Relations Unit at **1-242-322-7530**, visit our website at **www.immigration.gov.bs**, or call our Investigation hotline anonymously at **1-242-604-0249**.

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