



Public Relations Unit

P.O Box N-831

Mount Royal House

Mount Royal Avenue Nassau Bahamas

Tel: 242-225-5337 Fax: 242-326-0977

Email: immigrationpublicrelationsunit@bahamas.gov.bs

BAHAMAS IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

#45/22

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

217 Haitian Migrants Apprehended at Sea

On Wednesday, 16th November, 2022 a group of two hundred and seventeen (217) Haitian migrants were intercepted by United States Coast Guard (USCG) Cutter “William Flores and “Escanaba” six (6) nautical miles off Dog Rock near Cay Sal Bank.

The group was subsequently transported to the capital on Saturday, 19th November, 2022 where they received medical screening and turned over to Immigration Officials for further processing.

Presently, arrangements are being coordinated for the deportation of all irregular migrants. Preparations have also been made to utilize facilities at Matthew Town, Inagua in the event of an increase in migrant interceptions.

The Department reassures the public of our commitment to regulating the movement of people throughout The Bahamas so as to ensure the safety of its citizenry.

For more information, call New Providence's 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**.

End.

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*