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12 FOREIGN NATIONALS CONVICTED IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT

On Tuesday, 13th December, 2022, eleven (11) Haitian nationals and one (1) Jamaican national were arraigned in the Magistrate's Court #1 before Magistrate Algernon Allen Jr., charged with various immigration offences.

Four (4) Haitian nationals and one (1) Jamaican national were charged with **Overstaying**. All pled guilty and were subsequently fined **\$1,000.00**, or in default of payment, served six (6) months at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDOCS), warned and discharged, and conditionally discharged respectively.

Additionally, five (5) Haitian nationals were charged with **Illegal Landing**. All pled guilty and were warned and discharged, with one receiving a fine of **\$300.00**, in default of payment ordered to serve six (6) months at BDOCS.

Lastly, two (2) Haitian nationals pled guilty to **Knowingly Attempting to Mislead an Immigration Officer** and were subsequently fined **\$3,000.00** and **\$2,500.00** respectively, or in default of payment, serve one (1) year at BDOCS.

Upon payment of fines, completion of sentences, and discharge, all persons were ordered to be turned over to the Department of Immigration for deportation.

The Department remains committed to executing our mandate to ensure compliance with the Statue Laws of our country.

For more information, call 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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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*