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25 FOREIGN NATIONALS CONVICTED IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT

On Thursday, 21st September 2023 in Magistrate's Court #9 twenty five (25) foreign nationals were arraigned before Acting Chief Magistrate Roberto Reckley, for various immigration offences.

On the charge of **Working Outside of the Scope of the Permit**; seventeen (17) Haitian nationals pled guilty and were convicted and fined **\$500.00** or, in default of payment, serve **two months** at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDOCS).

Additionally, seven (7) Haitian nationals pled guilty to the charge of **Overstaying** and were convicted and fined **\$500.00** or, in default of payment, serve **two months** at (BDOCS), and one (1) Haitian national also pled guilty and was convicted and fined **\$1,000.00** or, in default of payment, serve **three months** at (BDOCS).

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

The public is reminded that the Department is committed to executing our mandate to ensure compliance with Statue Laws of our country.

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 hotlines (anonymously) at **1-242-604-0249**, **1-242-604-0171-2** or **1-242-604-0196**.

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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*