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59 HAITIAN NATIONALS CHARGED IN MAGISTRATE COURT FOR “ILLEGAL ENTRY”

On today’s date 19th February, 2019 59 Haitian nationals appeared before Magistrate Kara Turnquest in Court #9 to answer charges of “Illegal Entry” contrary to Section 19(1) and Punishable under 19(2) of the Immigration Act.

All subjects pled guilty and were subsequently convicted of the offense. Early Deportation was ordered by the Magistrate.

Additionally, three (3) of the 59 namely: **Odel Marion, John Veus, and Gary Philistin** were fined \$1,000.00 or in default of payment sentenced to six (6) months imprisonment at Bahamas Department of Corrections. The sentences were handed down as the (3) were identified and documented as having been deported previously.

Unable to pay their fines the three (3) were turned over to Police to be transported to Bahamas Department of Corrections where they will serve out their sentences.

The remaining 56 Haitian nationals were turned over to the Department of Immigration for further processing.

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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*

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