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3 HAITIAN NATIONALS CONVICTED IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Nassau, Bahamas – On Thursday, 2nd January, three Haitian nationals were arraigned in Magistrate's Court #9 before Chief Magistrate Roberto Reckley, where they faced charges of overstaying and were subsequently convicted.

- **Yvens Gazena (M)** and **Alain Lemour (M)** were each fined **\$1,500.00** or sentenced to serve six (6) months at the Bahamas Department of Correctional Services (BDOCS).
- **Cassandra Valde (F)** was fined **\$750.00** or sentenced to serve three (3) months at BDOCS.

Upon payment of all fines or completion of their sentences, all three individuals will be handed over to the Department of Immigration for deportation. The public is reminded that the Department remains committed to enforcing the country's Statute Laws and ensuring compliance.

For further information, please contact the Public Relations Unit at **242-322-7530** or **242-604-0027**, visit our website at www.immigration.gov.bs, or call our anonymous Investigation hotlines at **242-604-0249**, **242-604-0171/2**, or **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.



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