

Haitian Group to Be Released

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Immigration officials agreed to **release** a **group** of children and pregnant women who were among 411 **Haitian** refugees brought ashore by the Coast Guard a week ago.

The 10 women -- including one with two small children -- and 12 unaccompanied children will be placed with relatives or sponsoring families by church **groups** in the area.

The women and children are the first Haitians **released** from the **group** that was found April 22 on a crowded boat that had drifted within four miles of the U.S. coast. The United States typically turns away such boats. But President Clinton made an exception because authorities said they feared the Haitians were being abused.

Earlier, eight **Haitian** men were moved to jail facilities in Broward County after authorities said their interviews determined they belonged in criminal facilities. Another man escaped by walking away from Jackson Memorial Hospital.

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