

Four Haitian Refugees Found Dead on Coast

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Four bodies, including those of two children, washed ashore early Tuesday after a group of **Haitian** refugees landed on a beach in southeast Florida.

About 60 other refugees were turned over to U.S. immigration officials, including about 30 **found** along with a foundered boat.

The four bodies were **found** on the beach in Martin County, said Sgt. Billy Chase of the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

The eight victims apparently drowned. Police thought they accounted for everyone but remained on the lookout for additional survivors or bodies.

Chase said authorities believe the refugees were dropped off **near shore** by a boat, possibly from the Bahamas.

Many Haitians have died trying to make the perilous sea crossing to the United States from their Caribbean homeland, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

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