

# **Border Operations Sector Assessment**

South Texas  
Ranch Edition

**September  
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**REPORTING PERIOD:  
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# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BORDER SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER



The South Texas Ranch Edition of the BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of September 30, 2016: 37

The Ranch Crime index comprises rancher input of criminal traffic patterns occurring outside of main highways and roadways, and across ranch properties.

Use the [Texas DPS iWatch](#) to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal or terrorist activity, such as drug smuggling, human smuggling, oil field thefts, and other criminal activity. Every report will be reviewed by analysts.



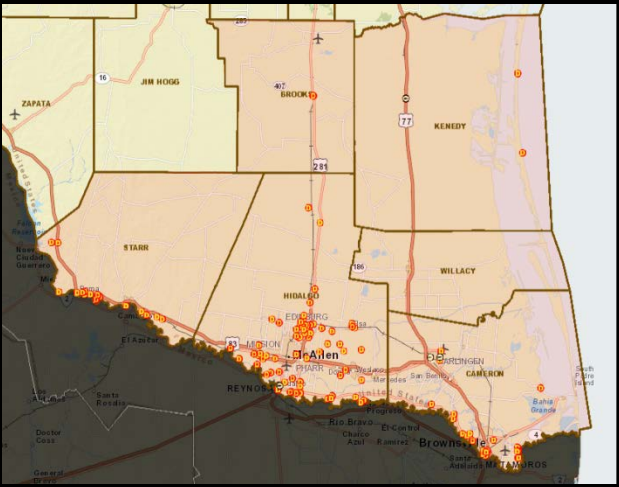
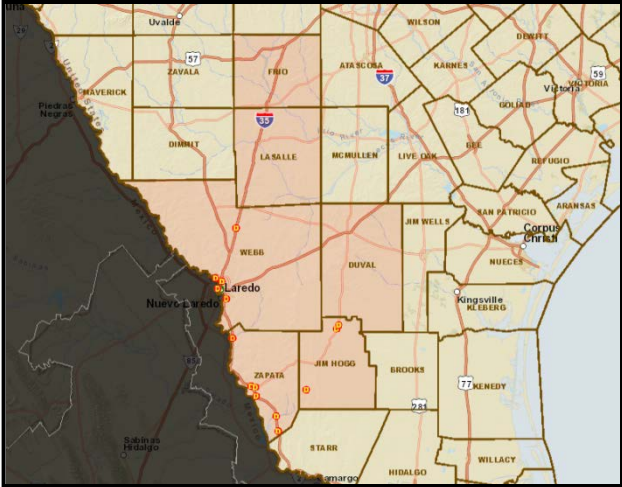
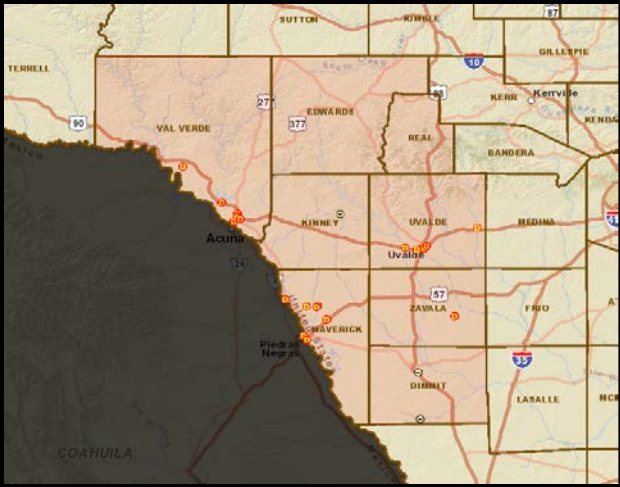
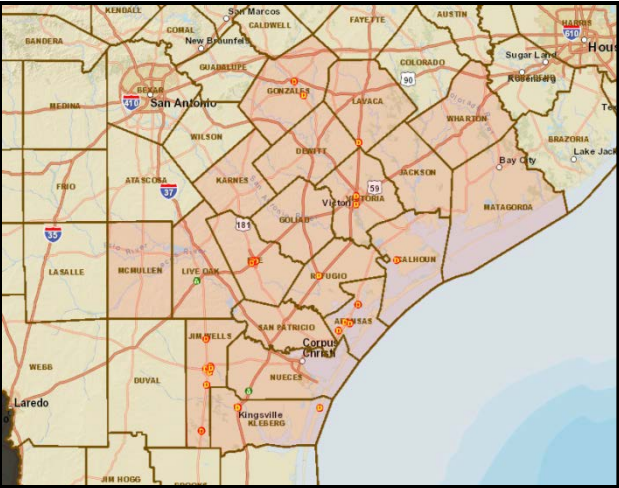
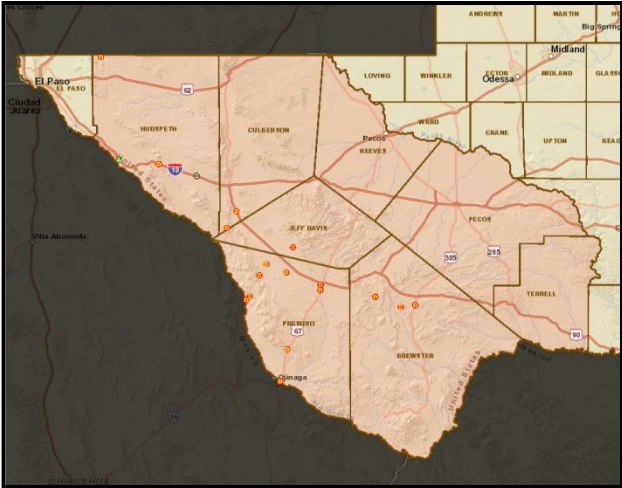
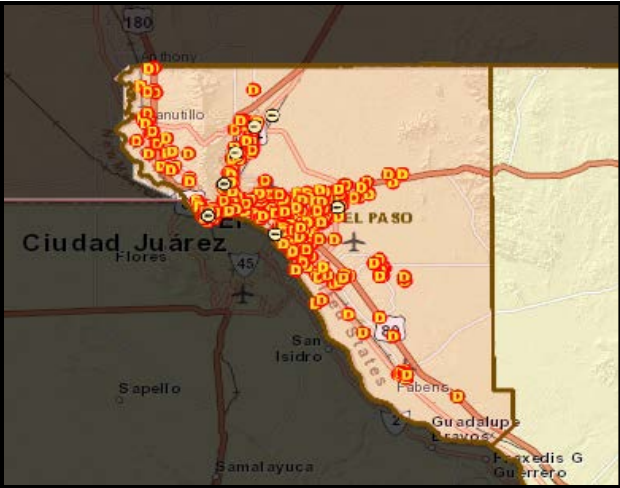
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## OPERATION BORDER STAR

JOIC Contact Information	Border Security Ops Ctr (Austin)	El Paso JOIC (El Paso)	Big Bend JOIC (Marfa)	Del Rio Sector (Del Rio)	Laredo Sector (Laredo)	Rio Grande Valley Sector (McAllen)	Coastal Bend Sector (Victoria)
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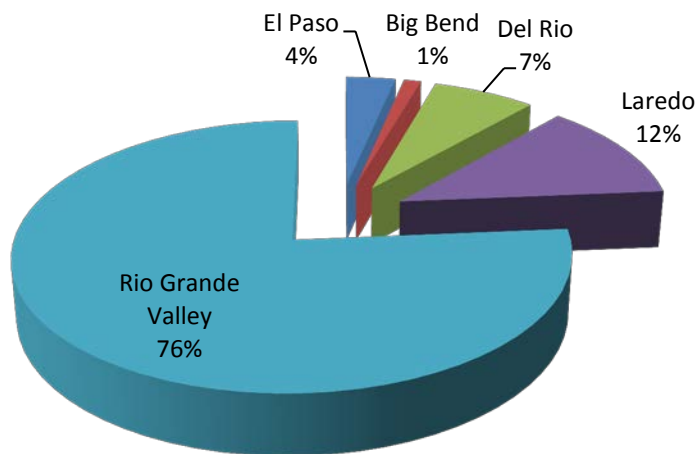


CY To Date – 2016	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL	2014 ONDCP Adjusted Value (Approximate)
Marijuana (~lbs)	100,934	34,457	9,307	104,121	291,561	540	540,919	\$3.3 Billion
Cocaine (~lbs)	576	20	400	1,464	4,507	781	7,747	\$476 Million
Methamphetamine (~lbs)	1,079	224	572	2,323	2,777	12	6,987	\$609 Million
Heroin (~lbs)	43	15	31	309	450	33	881	\$113 Million

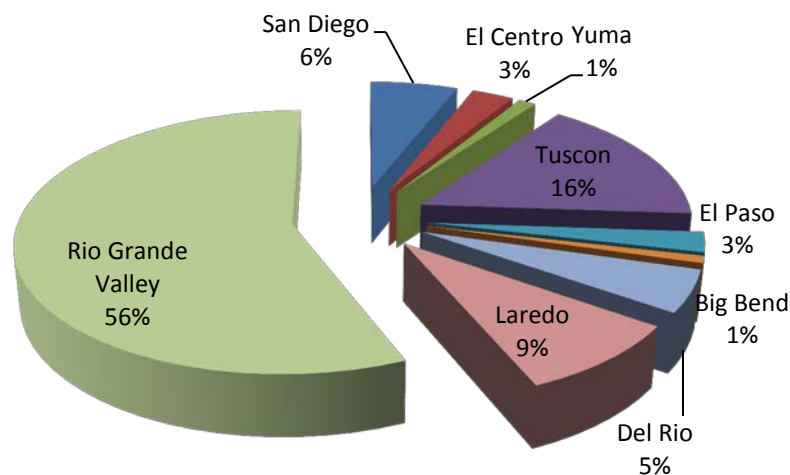




## Texas Sector Apprehensions – CY 2014



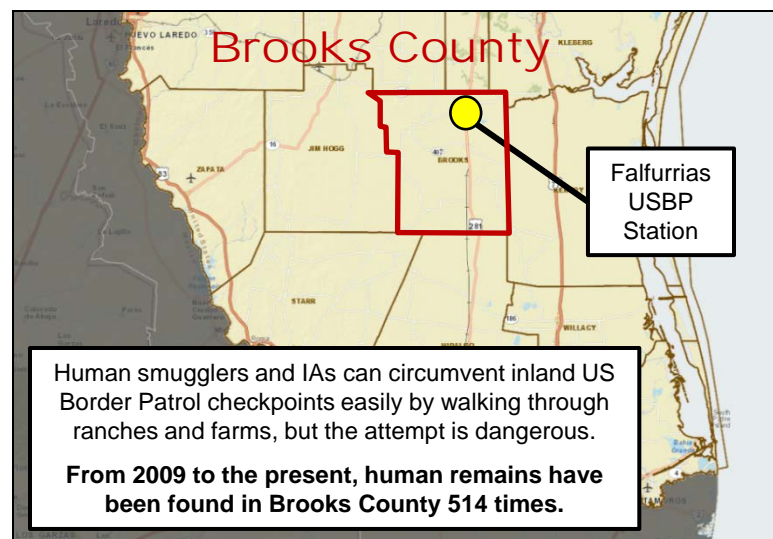
## Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions – CY 2014



Illegal Alien (IA) Apprehensions	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
YTD 2016	19,322	2,964	16,261	28,768	135,601	0	202,916

Other Than Mexican (OTM) Apprehensions	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
YTD 2016	8,865	1,325	7,044	8,217	99,513	0	124,964

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) Apprehensions	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012	FY 2011
Texas Border	31,109	58,312	27,827	15,485	9,871





## Total Pursuits and Bailouts (2014-Present)

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	61	452	261	1,258	537	<b>2,572</b>
Bailouts	0	68	600	370	1,169	488	<b>2,695</b>

## Change in the Average Number of Bailouts for each JOIC Sector

JOIC Sector	Prior to the Operation (29 AUG 2013 – 25 JUN 2014)	During the Operation (26 JUN 2014 – 06 JUL 2016)	% Change
El Paso	0.05	0.01	-80.00
Marfa	0.84	0.36	-57.14
Del Rio	3.88	4.34	+11.86
Laredo	3.26	2.70	-17.18
Rio Grande Valley	12.65	7.30	-42.29
Coastal Bend	9.35	2.18	-76.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.03</b>	<b>16.89</b>	<b>-43.76</b>



# MARFA SECTOR



Marfa USBP Agents seized 225.75 lbs of marijuana and detained four IAs, including one juvenile, on a ranch near Candelaria. The marijuana was in 13 cellophane-wrapped bundles in four large sugar sacks. The adult subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA, and the juvenile was processed for removal.

# MARFA SECTOR

A Presidio Co SO Deputy detained six IAs on SH-17 near Marfa. The Deputy advised Marfa USBP of five additional IA subjects on a nearby ranch. The detained IAs were referred to Marfa USBP; however, one subject absconded. Marfa USBP located the additional five IAs on the ranch, and took them into custody without incident. The 10 IAs were held in Marfa pending disposition.

Marfa USBP Agents, assisted by DPS AVN, arrested 12 IAs, including one juvenile, on a ranch southeast of Marfa. Seven subjects were held in Sierra Blanca, and five were processed for removal.

Marfa USBP Agents arrested six IAs, including one juvenile IA, on a ranch northeast of Candelaria. Two subjects are being held pending prosecution, and five subjects, including the juvenile, were processed for removal.

# MARFA SECTOR

On 25 SEP, Dimmit Co SO Deputies assisted USBP Agents with a white 2001 Ford F-250 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The occupants bailed out of the vehicle on a ranch road in Valley Wells. The vehicle was recovered, and impounded pending disposition.



Van Horn USBP Agents, assisted by DPS AVN, arrested seven IAs, including one juvenile, on a ranch in Hudspeth County. Two subjects were held in Sierra Blanca pending prosecution, and five were processed for removal.



# MARFA SECTOR

On 26 SEP, USBP Agents, with assistance from a CBP AVN, found four duffel bags containing 409 lbs of marijuana on a ranch near SH-131, near Quemado. The Agents found three subjects nearby with carpet on their shoes. The Agents detained two IAs after one subject absconded. The juvenile IA was processed per Sector guidelines, and the adult IA was arrested by DEA.

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On 22 SEP, a Kinney Co SO Deputy found four IAs on a ranch near US-277, in Kinney County. The IAs were detained and processed by USBP.

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On 27 SEP, USBP Agents responded to a rancher's report of muddy footprints headed into the property. The Agents followed the tracks, and with the help of CBP AVN, found four abandoned military-style duffel bags on a ranch on SH-131 near Quemado. The bags contained a total of 232.20 lbs of marijuana. No subjects were found in the vicinity.

# DEL RIO SECTOR



On 04 SEP, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Dodge Ram 3500 pickup near Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. The pickup was driven onto a ranch, then came out on FM 1867, heading north. Zavala Co Deputies and USBP Agents were notified about the vehicle.

On 13 SEP, a USBP Agent detained 11 IAs on a ranch near FM 2691 in Crystal City. One juvenile IA was identified as the alien smuggler. The IAs were processed per Sector guidelines.

On 13 SEP, a USBP Agent located an abandoned silver 2004 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup on a ranch near FM 2688, in Catarina. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy found a stolen pistol with two magazines under the center console. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Marcos, was impounded pending disposition.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 10 SEP, USBP Agents responded to a ranch near Comstock regarding two packages that had been discovered on the property by the rancher. The packages contained a total of 3.50 lbs of marijuana, and were turned over to the DEA.

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On 11 SEP, a Uvalde Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch on CR 405 in Uvalde regarding three firearms that had been stolen. A USBP Agent and a Kinney Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2002 GMC Sierra C1500 pickup on RR 334, near Brackettville. Two pistols that were thrown out prior to the traffic stop were recovered. Three subjects were arrested, and further charges are pending.

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On 11 SEP, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2001 Ford F-350 pickup on SH-85 in Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle turned onto FM 1556 until it drove through a fence, and continued for approximately a mile into a ranch. The occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen out of San Antonio, and had a false license plate.



# DEL RIO SECTOR



On 14 SEP, a USBP Agent conducted a traffic stop on a 2014 Ford F-250 pickup near Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The driver drove up FM 1019, then onto FM 468 and through a ranch fence, where several subjects bailed out. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. The Agents arrested two IAs near the pickup. A third IA and the driver were later caught and identified as alien smugglers. The Agents processed the three IAs per Sector guidelines, arrested the driver, and impounded the vehicle pending disposition.

# DEL RIO SECTOR



On 15 SEP, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2001 Ford F-350 pickup on SH-85, near Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. The driver drove through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. Two IAs were apprehended, and were processed by USBP Agents per Sector guidelines. The vehicle was impounded pending disposition.

On 18 SEP, a Kinney Co SO Deputy assisted USBP Agents in the apprehension of two IAs on a ranch in Quemado. The IAs were processed per Sector guidelines.

On 19 SEP, a Kinney Co SO Deputy assisted a USBP Agent and found an IA on a ranch near Brackettville. The IA was processed per Sector guidelines.

# LAREDO SECTOR

On 14 SEP, USBP Laredo Agents at a property near Laredo seized 346.2 lbs of marijuana. No arrests were made. The marijuana was turned over to DEA.



On 22 SEP, USBP Laredo Agents, on a ranch near Laredo, found six duffel bags containing 335.54 lbs of marijuana. The marijuana was turned over to DEA.

On 26 SEP, USBP Cotulla Agents conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Ford F-150 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was found abandoned on a ranch on Hwy 85 in Frio County. The vehicle was reported stolen from Laredo.



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY



A Brooks Co SO Deputy was advised by USBP Agents of a deceased person on a ranch in central Brooks County. The Deputy and the Justice of the Peace met with Agents and were escorted to the location of the deceased person, who was found under a tree among tall grass, and had identification.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched regarding a deceased person on a ranch in northern Brooks County. The Deputy and a USBP Agent were escorted to the body.

Two different IDs were found in the pockets. One ID was from Guatemala, and the other ID was from Mexico.

# STATEWIDE

On 13 SEP, a Robertson Co SO Deputy in Robertson Co seized 5,900 marijuana plants from a marijuana grow located on non-active Luminant mine land in northeast Robertson County. The plants were being watered by a system that consisted of a generator, pump, and hoses. A camp was also found; however, no arrests were made. The seizure is valued at approximately \$2.9 million USD.





# OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE

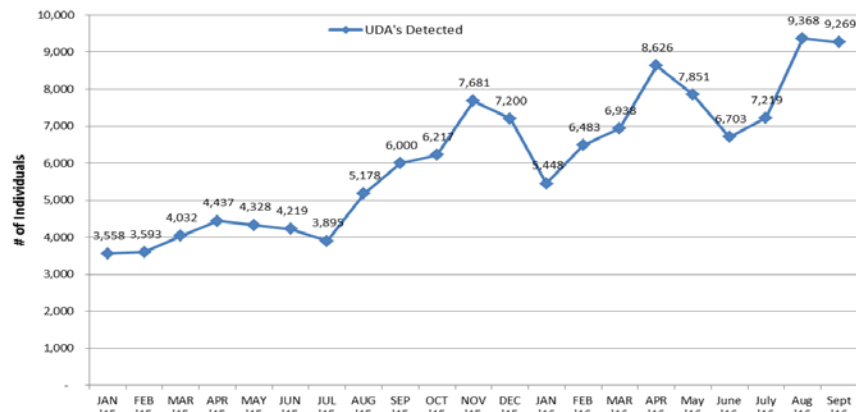
Statistical Summary – SEP 2016



## Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



## Drawbridge Stats



## OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE TOTALS: JAN 2012 – SEP 2016

Detections	238,979
Marijuana Seized	361,479 lbs (~180 tons)
Cocaine Seized	249 lbs
Meth Seized	17 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	27

## OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE TOTALS: CYTD 2016

Detections	67,905
Narcotics Seized	54,526 lbs (~27 tons)





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