

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**June
2017**

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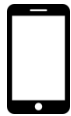
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of June 30, 2017: 45

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



You may 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. You may also contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972, or through the JOIC contacts listed below.



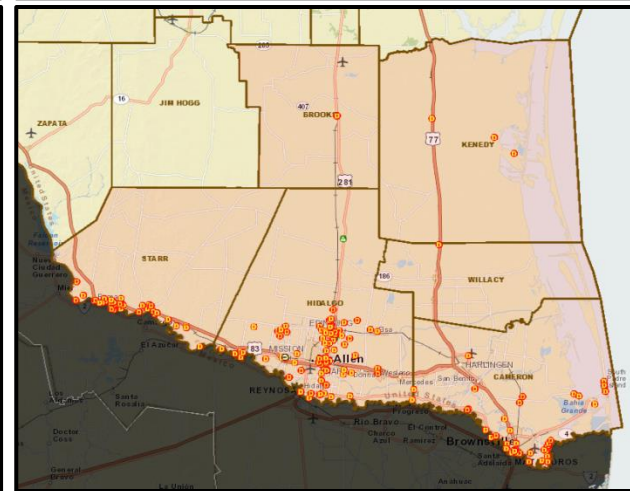
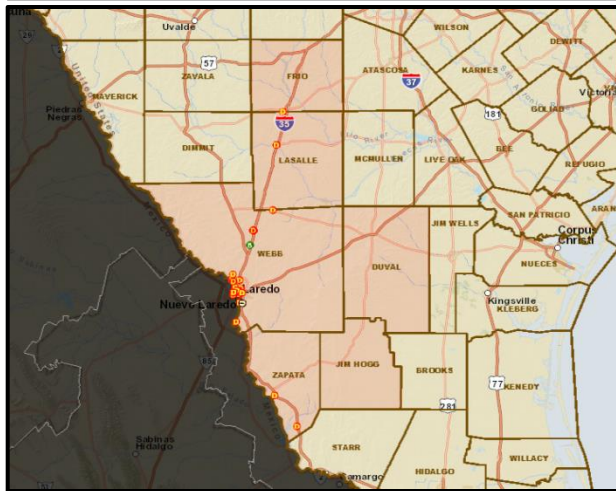
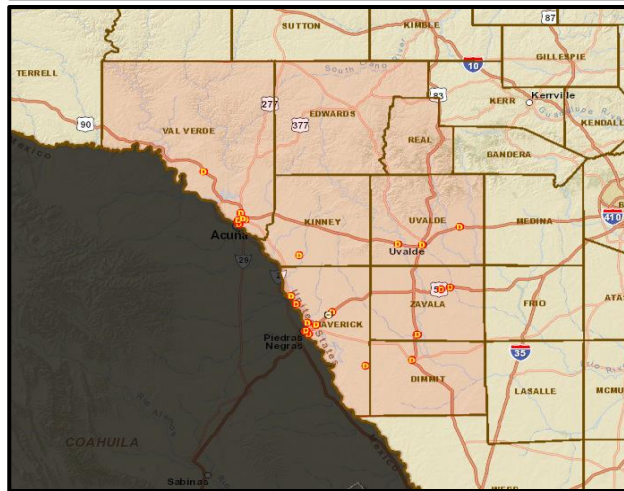
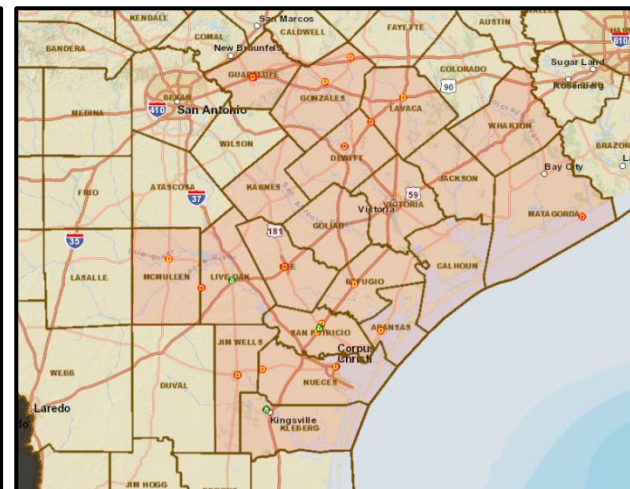
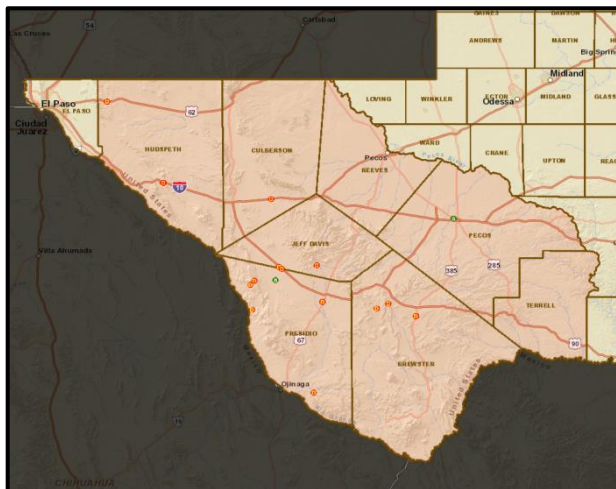
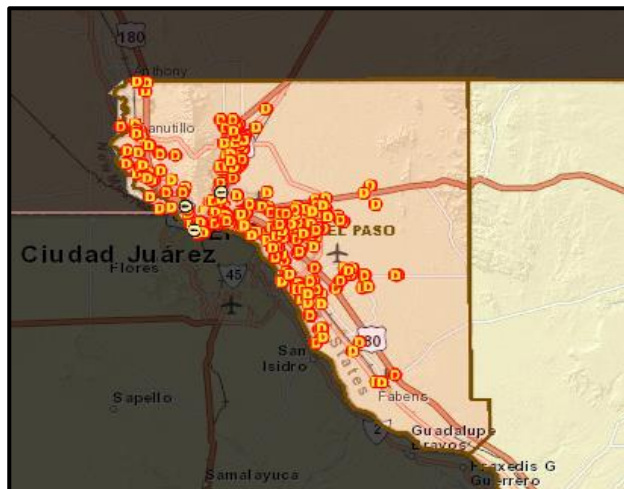
OPERATION BORDER STAR

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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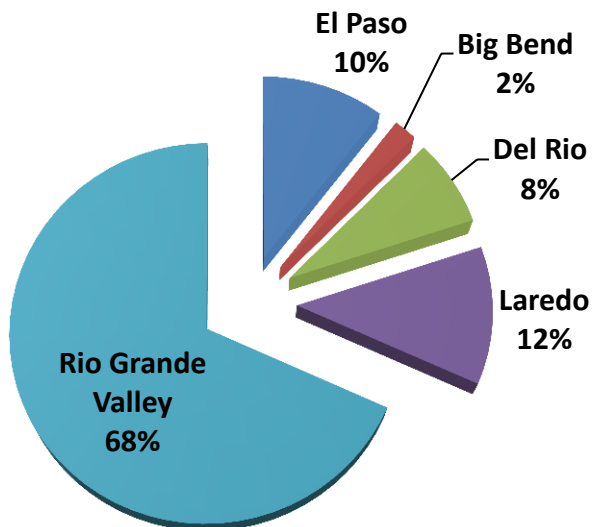


Calendar Year To Date – 2017	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL	2014 ONDCP Adjusted Value (Approximate)
Marijuana (lbs)	49,302	23,771	5,975	68,349	174,892	880	323,170	\$1.9 Billion
Cocaine (lbs)	642	25	91	2,694	3,620	147	7,218	\$444 Million
Methamphetamine (lbs)	384	220	303	1,283	2,730	< 1	4,921	\$429 Million
Heroin (lbs)	85	19	56	340	203	< 1	703	\$90 Million

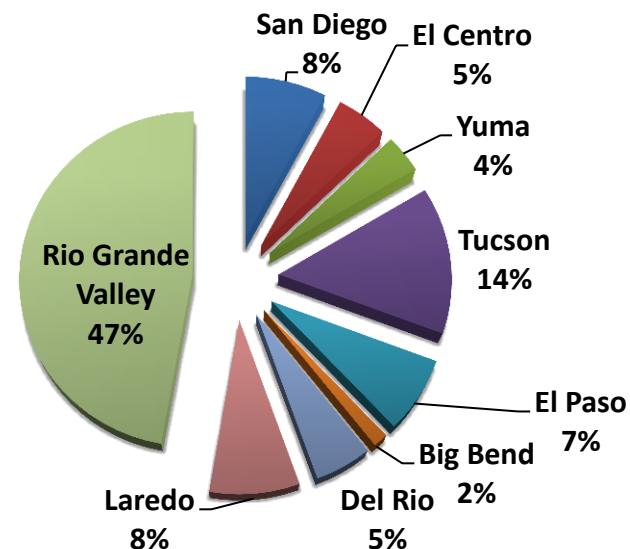




Texas Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



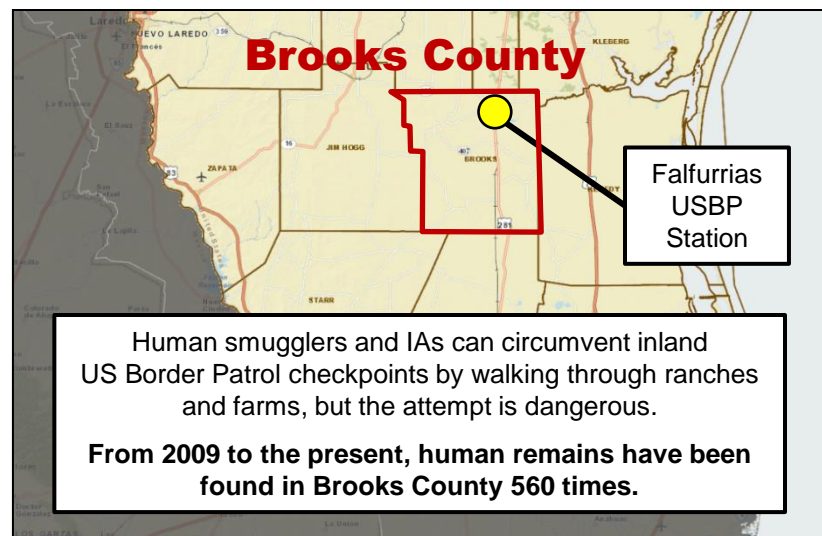
Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



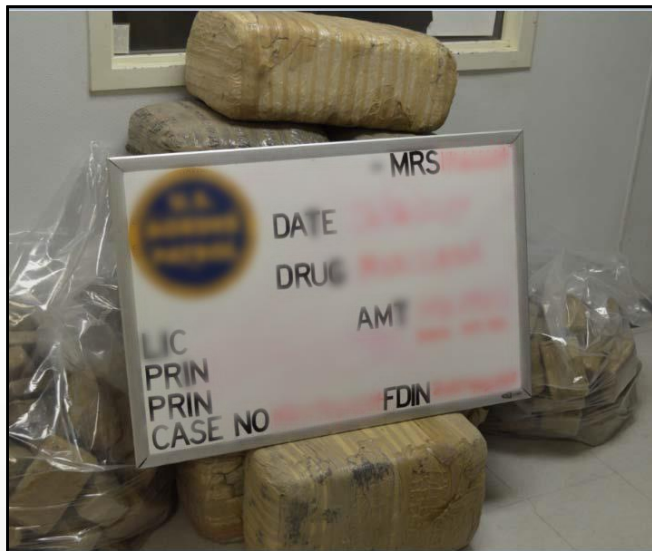
Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	8,757	1,960	5,143	10,239	42,588	0	68,687

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	4,454	903	1,952	2,669	30,470	0	40,448

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY- 2014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Texas Border	47,192	31,109	58,312	27,827	15,485



MARFA SECTOR



USBP Agents seized 178.43 lbs of marijuana and apprehended four IAs, including one juvenile, near US-90 on a farm southeast of Valentine. One subject absconded. The marijuana was packaged in four cellophane-wrapped bricks contained in four large burlap backpacks. The subjects and the marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.

Alpine USBP Agents seized 1,537.70 lbs of marijuana and a 2003 Ford F-150 pickup, and apprehended a subject on a ranch southeast of Alpine. The 127 cellophane-wrapped bundles of marijuana were found in the cab and bed of the vehicle. The subject, marijuana, and vehicle were referred to DEA.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 09 JUN, USBP Agents apprehended eight IAs on a ranch west of US-277 in Kinney Co, and identified one of them as the alien smuggler. Six additional IAs who had split from the group were apprehended a few hours later. The Agents apprehended a total of 14 IAs, including two juveniles.

On 10 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop in Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a fence, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. An IA was detained and referred to USBP. The truck had been stolen and was displaying a fictitious plate.

DEL RIO SECTOR



On 13 JUN, a USBP Agent observed a 2017 GMC Denali pickup pass his location twice in Carrizo Springs. He conducted a vehicle stop, but the vehicle failed to yield. Two Dimmit Co SO Deputies assisted the Agent as the vehicle continued onto US-83. The occupants bailed out and absconded into a ranch. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.

On 13 JUN, a USBP Agent and CBP AVN apprehended three IAs on a ranch near US-83 in Catarina. An IA was identified as a suspected Tango Blast gang member, and another IA was identified as the alien smuggler and a Paisas gang member.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 17 JUN, USBP Agents apprehended an IA on a ranch in Dimmit Co.
The IA was turned over to the Dimmit Co SO regarding a warrant.

On 20 JUN, a citizen notified the Maverick Co SO of two subjects carrying bundles near FM 1590 in Normandy. USBP Agents and DPS AVN assisted. A USBP K-9 unit discovered 73.80 lbs of abandoned marijuana in two bundles hidden under hay bales. An IA was found nearby, but could not be connected to the narcotics. The narcotics were turned over to the DEA.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 21 JUN, a USBP Agent apprehended six subjects on a ranch near US-277 west of Carrizo Springs. The Agent identified a US citizen alien smuggler with five IAs. An HSI Agent arrested the smuggler.



On 23 JUN, USBP Agents conducted an inspection on a white 2013 Ford F-350 pickup on FM 2688 near Catarina, when the vehicle failed to yield. The Agents located the vehicle, abandoned and engine running, on a ranch. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 21 JUN, USBP Agents found 440.99 lbs of marijuana in nine duffel bags in brush on a ranch in Spofford. The Agents apprehended four IAs with the assistance of DPS AVN. Two of the IAs were juveniles.



On 21 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy responded to an oil field site on FM 1433 near Carrizo Springs. The complainant stated that a group of unknown subjects had stolen 186 barrels of crude oil. An FBI Agent assisted.

On 29 JUN, USBP Agents encountered a group of subjects on a ranch in Langtry. Seven IAs were apprehended. One IA was identified as an alien smuggler and was arrested.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 13 JUN, USBP Cotulla Agents observed a black 2016 Ford F-150 King Ranch pickup driving recklessly on IH-35 near Cotulla. The Agents conducted a vehicle check and identified the pickup as stolen from San Antonio. The Agents conducted a traffic stop, but the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle crossed the median into the northbound lane, and the occupants bailed out at a ranch. The driver was arrested.



On 18 JUN, USBP Laredo Agents and a K-9 at the IH-35 Checkpoint near Laredo inspected a 2014 Dodge Ram 3500 oil field pickup and found 44.44 lbs of cocaine in bags. The driver and narcotics were turned over to the FBI.



LAREDO SECTOR

On 18 JUN, USBP Cotulla Agents, along with CBP OAM, assisted in the location of two Ford pickups near Dilley. The vehicles were traveling in tandem, each with several subjects in the truck bed. The Agents stopped the vehicles at a ranch, and the occupants bailed out. The Agents apprehended 18 IAs. One of the pickups, a white 2015 F-150, had been stolen from Bellaire; while the other, a silver 2017 F-250, had been stolen from San Antonio.

On 20 JUN, USBP Freer Agents conducted a traffic stop on a 2008 Chevrolet Suburban. As the Agents conducted a registration check, the vehicle sped away. Later that day, the vehicle was found abandoned at a ranch near Freer. It was identified as having been stolen from Natalia.

LAREDO SECTOR



On 24 JUN, USBP Zapata Agents conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Ford F-150 pickup that was leaving a ranch near Zapata. The driver and passenger bailed out. A search of the vehicle revealed 1,101.76 lbs of marijuana concealed in the cab and bed. No arrests were made. The narcotics and vehicle were turned over to DEA.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 165.12 lbs of marijuana near Brownsville. The Agents observed two subjects run south, and discovered the marijuana lying between rows of corn in a field. One subject was apprehended, and one absconded into Mexico. The subject and narcotics were turned over to DPS CID.

Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 1,050.65 lbs of marijuana from the bed of a Ford truck tractor that had been driven onto a ranch. HSI assumed custody of the driver, vehicle, and marijuana.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Brownsville USBP Agents seized 77.55 lbs of marijuana. The Agents searched a cotton field, where they found and arrested two subjects who were lying next to bundles of marijuana. The subjects and marijuana were turned over to DEA.

Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 87.69 lbs of marijuana. The Agents observed two subjects carrying bundles, responded, and located the bundles on the ground behind a house. THP Troopers observed another subject running into a field. The Agents apprehend the subject, and the THP Troopers discovered an additional bundle.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy assisted by USBP Agents responded to a ranch regarding a deceased person who had been found in a brushy area in central Brooks Co. Identification papers were found on the body, which was transported to the Laredo Medical Examiner's Office.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 02 JUN, a McMullen Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2010 Ford F-150 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a fence, and subjects bailed out. The vehicle was seized.

On 09 JUN, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Chevrolet 2500 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle continued into McMullen Co, where it entered private property and drove into heavy brush. Several occupants bailed out and absconded. No arrests were made.

On 28 JUN, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2011 Ford F-350 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. With the assistance of George West PD, the Deputy found the truck after it had crashed through four fences. The occupants had bailed out, but USBP apprehended 11 subjects. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY 2014-Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	76	551	325	1,476	575	3,006
Bailouts	0	89	706	485	1,364	522	3,166

** Totals include all incidents reported by the JOICs, not merely those that are ranch-related*



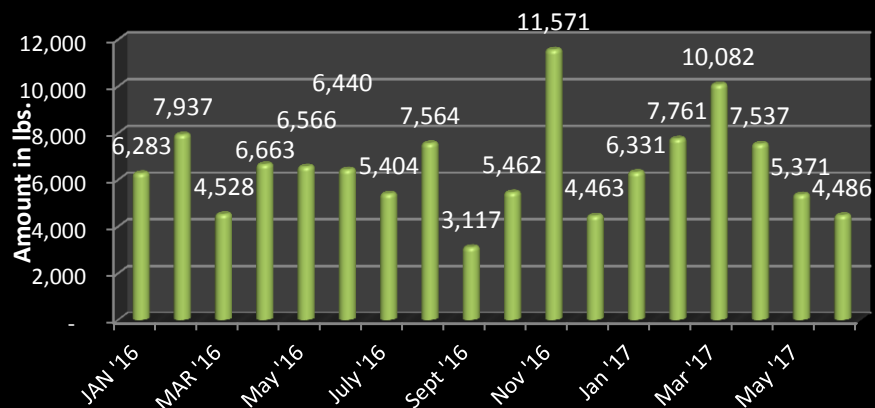


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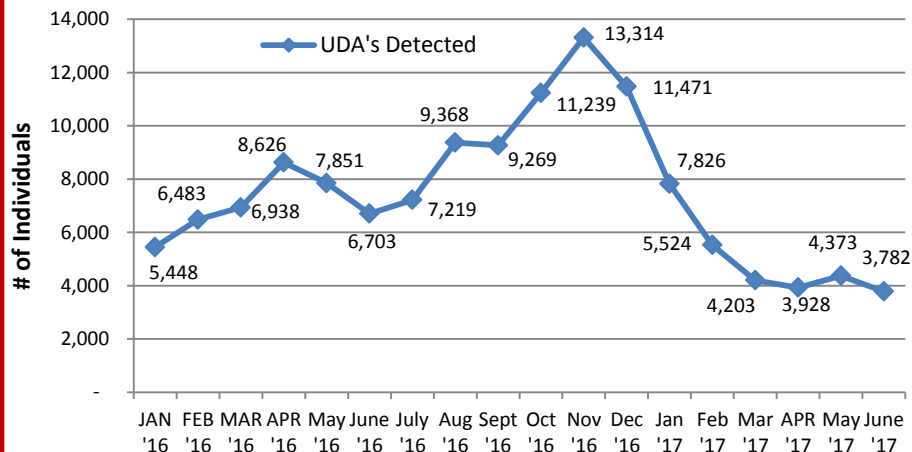
Statistical Summary – JUN 2017



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Drawbridge Stats



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – JUN 2017

Detections	304,970
Marijuana Seized	407,565 lbs (>203 tons)
Cocaine Seized	227 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	15 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	25

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2017

Detections	29,636
Narcotics Seized	41,870 lbs (>20 tons)

Note: Figures are based on initial reporting and are subject to change.



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