

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**July
2017**

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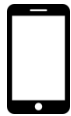
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of July 31, 2017: 47

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.



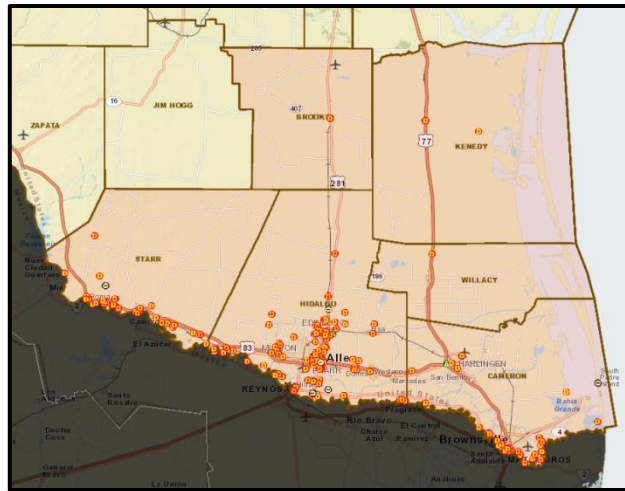
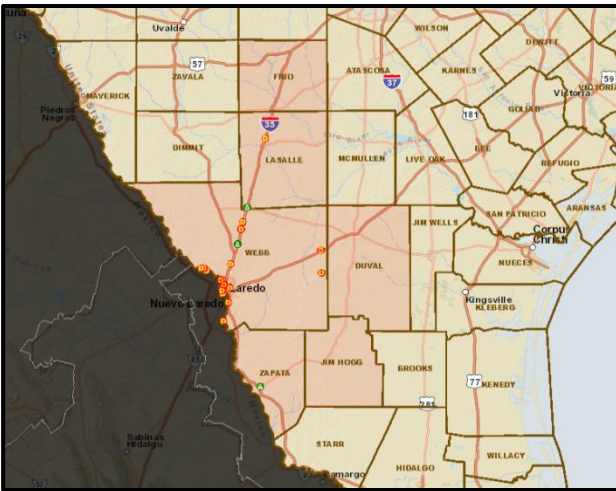
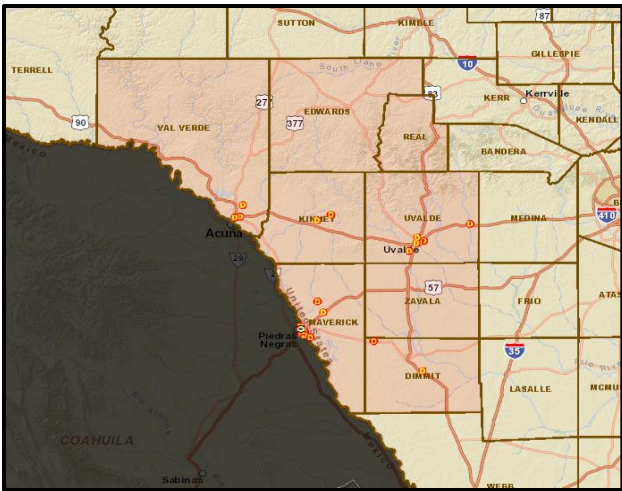
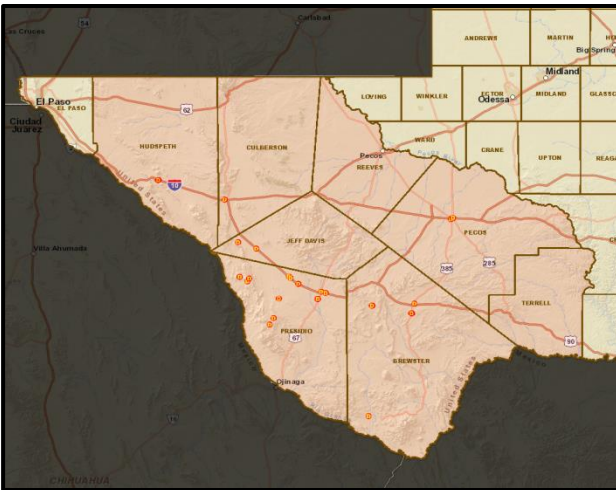
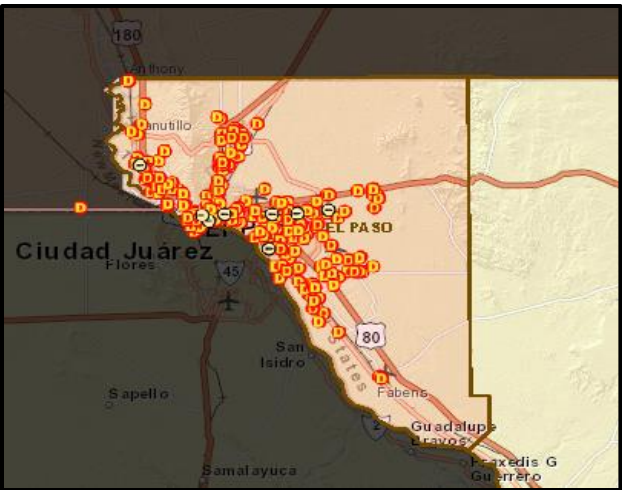
OPERATION BORDER STAR

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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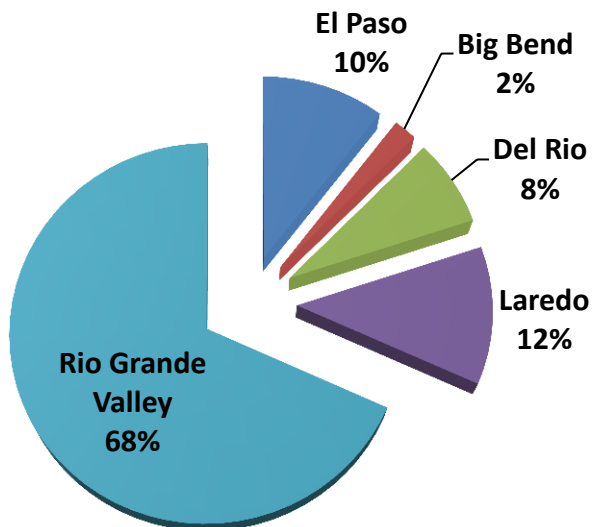


Calendar Year To Date – 2017	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL	2014 ONDCP Adjusted Value (Approximate)
Marijuana (lbs)	54,176	26,894	6,561	79,368	197,622	882	365,502	\$2.2 Billion
Cocaine (lbs)	725	25	117	2,868	4,158	170	8,062	\$496 Million
Methamphetamine (lbs)	484	221	303	1,955	3,163	< 1	6,126	\$534 Million
Heroin (lbs)	117	21	56	360	217	< 1	771	\$99 Million

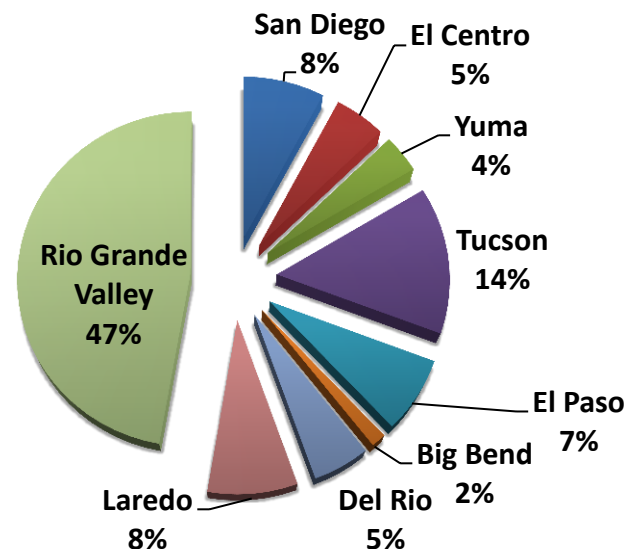




Texas Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



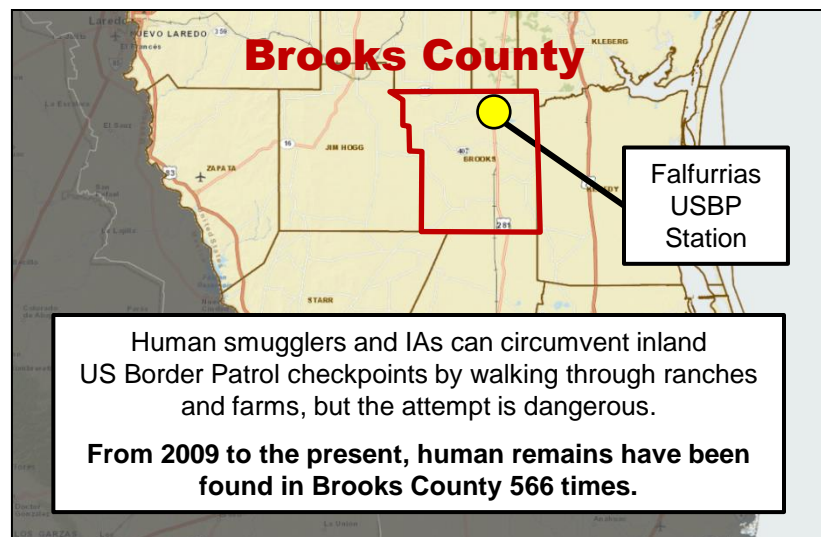
Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions - CY 2016



Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	9,985	2,333	5,857	12,304	49,039	0	79,518

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2017	5,046	1,094	2,267	3,314	35,176	0	46,897

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY- 014	FY 2013	FY 2012
Texas Border	47,192	31,109	58,312	27,827	15,485



MARFA SECTOR

Marfa USBP Agents, assisted by CBP AVN, seized 338.54 lbs of abandoned marijuana in burlap bundles on a ranch northeast of Ruidosa. The marijuana was referred to DEA.



Marfa USBP Agents seized 180.35 lbs of abandoned marijuana near a ranch north of Candelaria. The marijuana consisted of several large cellophane-wrapped bundles contained in four military-style duffel bags. The marijuana was referred to DEA.

Big Bend Intelligence USBP Agents, assisted by CBP OAM, seized 37.48 lbs of abandoned marijuana near a ranch southwest of Marfa. The marijuana was packaged in a cellophane-taped bundle inside a burlap backpack. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

MARFA SECTOR

USBP Agents seized 295.56 lbs of marijuana and apprehended five IAs on US-90 near a ranch northwest of Marfa. The marijuana was contained in five burlap backpacks. The marijuana and the subjects were referred to Alpine DEA.



DEL RIO SECTOR



On 07 JUL, USBP Agents followed subjects on a ranch near Eagle Pass. The Agents found several duffel bags containing a total of 294.10 lbs of marijuana, which was turned over to DEA. No subjects were found in the vicinity of the drugs.

On 10 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near Catarina regarding a group of subjects. When a USBP Agent arrived, the subjects fled. During a search of the area, four IAs were apprehended.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 10 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch near Carrizo Springs regarding the discovery of a deceased person.

On 19 JUL, USBP Agents conducted an inspection on a white Ford F-550 pickup on FM 2644 near Eagle Pass, when the driver failed to yield. The Ford drove into brush at a ranch, and the driver bailed out. CBP OAM assisted and located the driver. The Agents apprehended the driver and five IAs. Four of the IAs were concealed in the pickup's tool box. The vehicle was reported stolen from Bexar Co. The driver was arrested as the alien smuggler, and the vehicle was impounded by Dimmit Co SO.

On 25 JUL, USBP Agents encountered a group of subjects hiding in brush at a ranch on US-277 near Carrizo Springs. The Agents identified a USC alien smuggler with five IAs. The USC was arrested as the alien smuggler.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 13 JUL, USBP Laredo Agents followed a group of subjects at a ranch near Laredo. The Agents discovered five abandoned bundles in the brush. A total of 341.44 lbs of marijuana was seized.



On 16 JUL, USBP Laredo Agents responded to a Drawbridge alert and located an abandoned 2016 Ford F-250 pickup that had crashed through a ranch fence on US-83 near Laredo. Several subjects had absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY



McAllen USBP Agents seized 813.50 lbs of marijuana near Mission. The Agents responded to a report of a 1998 Dodge Ram pickup leaving a ranch. The vehicle drove through a fence at a business. The Agents apprehended two subjects and discovered the marijuana inside the vehicle. DPS CID assumed custody of the subjects and narcotics. The vehicle was seized.

Weslaco USBP Agents seized 307.24 lbs of marijuana. The Agents observed several subjects with bundles walking through a cotton field near Santa Maria. The Agents apprehended six subjects. DEA assumed custody of the subjects and marijuana.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Falfurrias USBP Agents seized 504.8 lbs of marijuana. The Agents, along with a K-9, inspected a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado pickup hauling a horse trailer. The Agents found bundles of narcotics concealed in a locked compartment in the trailer. The vehicle and trailer were seized. HSI assumed custody of the narcotics.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a deceased person at a ranch in eastern Brooks Co. The Deputy met with a USBP Agent and was escorted to the location of the body.

In seven incidents, Brooks Co SO Deputies, assisted by USBP, responded to the discovery of deceased persons on ranch properties in Brooks county.

A Starr Co SO Deputy responded to notification by a USBP Agent of the discovery of a deceased person on a ranch northeast of La Grulla. The body was found with a Guatemalan ID card.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY 2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	76	557	330	1,486	580	3,032
Bailouts	0	89	710	502	1,376	525	3,202

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





OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE

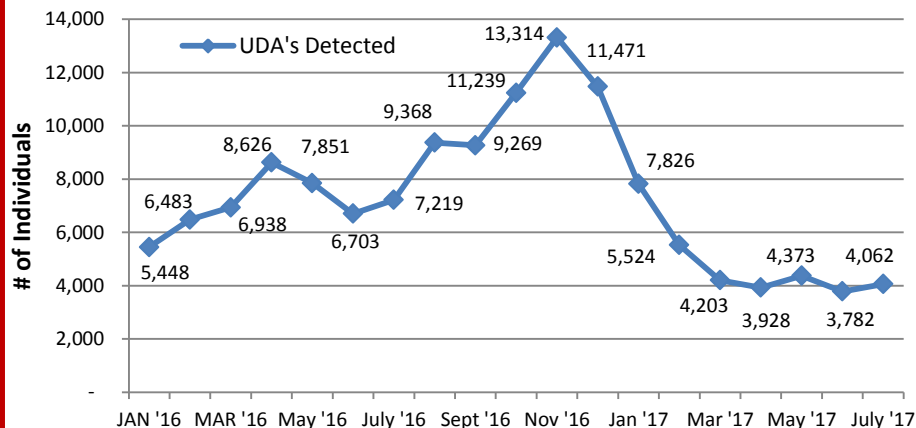
Statistical Summary – JUL 2017



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Drawbridge Stats



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – JUL 2017

Detections	309,032
Marijuana Seized	412,452 lbs (>206 tons)
Cocaine Seized	227 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	15 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	26

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2017

Detections	33,698
Narcotics Seized	46,756 lbs (>23 tons)

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



If any comments or questions arise from this product, please contact:

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