

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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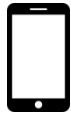
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of June 30, 2016: 34

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



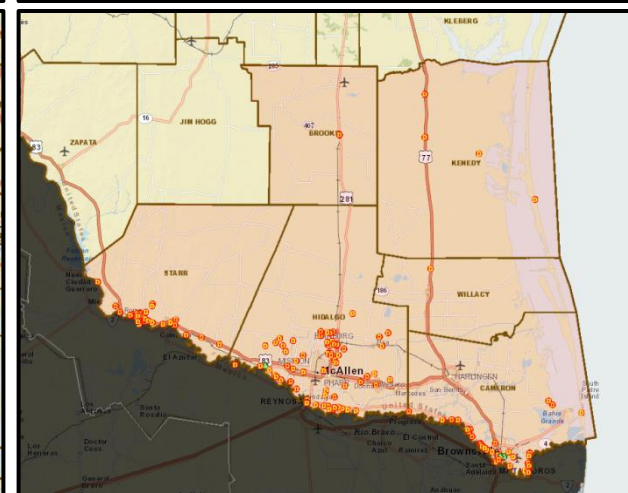
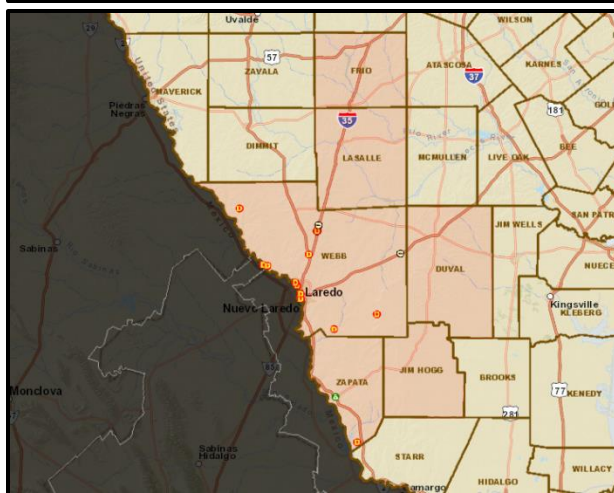
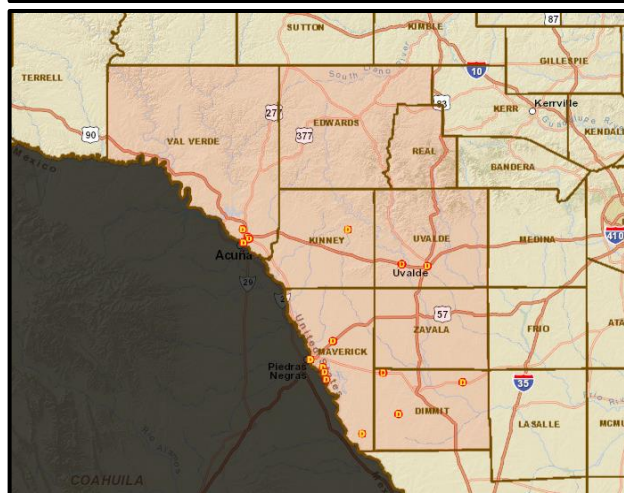
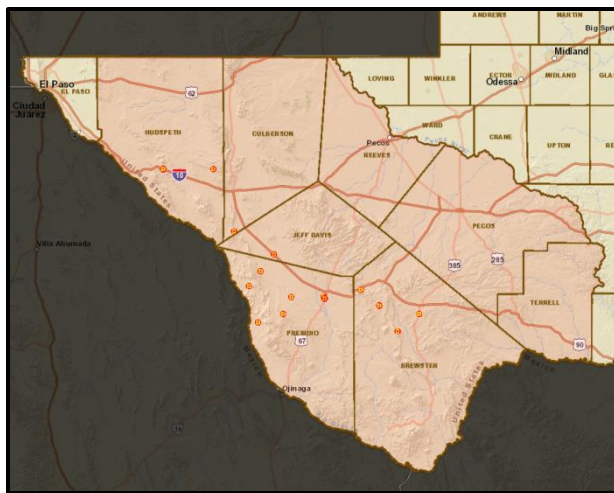
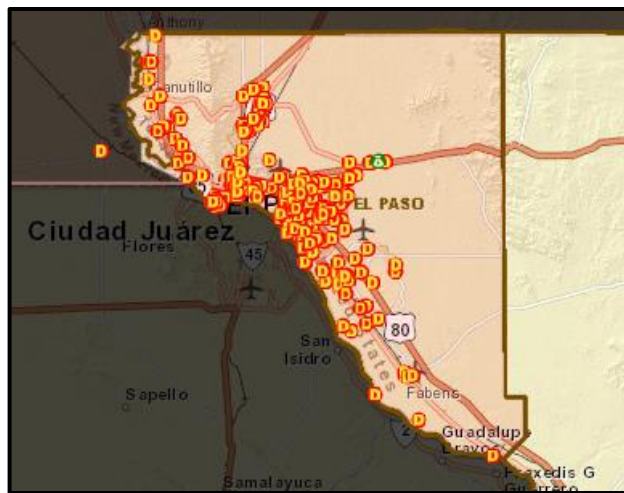
You may use the [Texas DPS iWatch](#) to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal or terrorist activity, such as drug smuggling, human smuggling, oil field thefts, and other criminal activity. Every report will be reviewed by analysts. You may also contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972, or through the JOIC contacts listed below.



OPERATION BORDER STAR

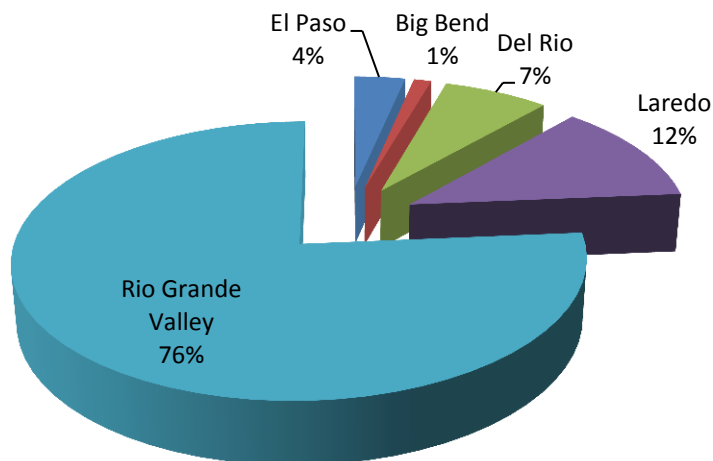
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CY To Date – 2016	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL	2014 ONDCP Adjusted Value (Approximate)
Marijuana (~lbs)	76,833	22,493	4,192	80,777	205,716	348	390,359	\$2.37 Billion
Cocaine (~lbs)	395	13	105	1,091	2,894	696	5,194	\$319 Million
Methamphetamine (~lbs)	913	188	264	1,532	1,843	11	4,750	\$414 Million
Heroin (~lbs)	39	15	31	243	257	3	589	\$76 Million

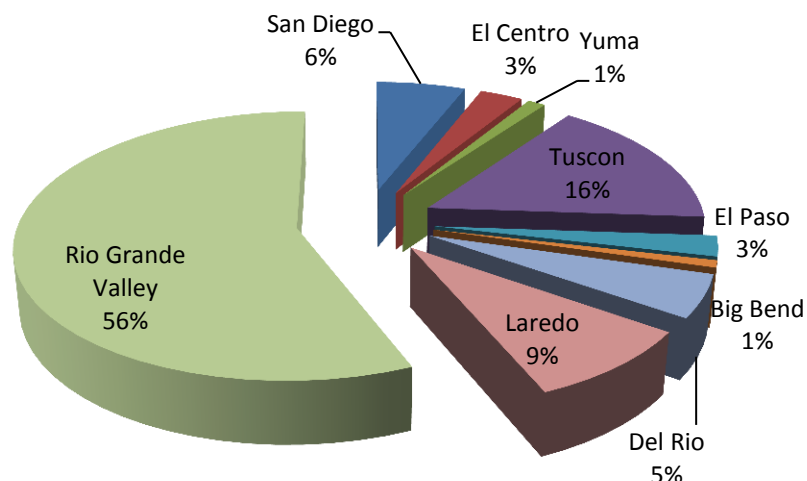




Texas Sector Apprehensions – CY 2014



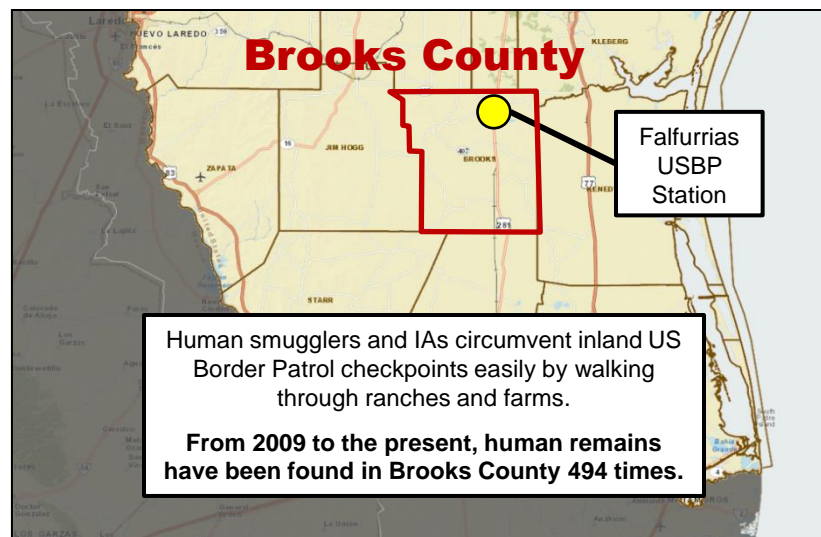
Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions – CY 2014



Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
YTD-2016	11,463	2,090	11,298	19,914	82,679	0	127,444

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
YTD-2016	4,443	932	4,245	5,238	58,521	0	73,379

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



MARFA SECTOR

Sierra Blanca USBP Agents arrested nine IAs on a ranch southeast of Sierra Blanca. Five subjects were held in Sierra Blanca pending prosecution, and the remaining four were processed for removal.

TPWD Game Wardens detained two IAs on FM-2627 and referred them to Alpine USBP Agents. Two additional IAs were arrested by Alpine USBP Agents on FM-2627 in the same area. Two subjects were held in Sierra Blanca pending prosecution, and the other two were processed for removal.

Marfa USBP Agents, assisted by USBP Air and Marine Operation, seized 226.4 lbs of marijuana abandoned on a ranch near Vizcaino Road. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.



A Brewster Co SO Deputy assisted by Alpine USBP Agents seized a small amount of marijuana and detained four subjects on a ranch west of Alpine. Three subjects were released, and one subject and the marijuana was referred to Brewster Co SO pending state prosecution.

MARFA SECTOR

Marfa USBP Agents, assisted by CBP Air & Marine, seized 336.65 lbs of marijuana and arrested five IAs at a ranch southwest of Marfa. One subject absconded. The marijuana consisted of six large duct-taped bundles in six burlap sacks. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.



Brewster Co SO Deputies detained an IA on a ranch northeast of Big Bend National Park. The subject was referred to Alpine USBP and processed for removal.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 19 JUN, a USBP Agent detained seven IAs on a ranch near FM-1021, south of El Indio. The Agent found a small amount of cocaine in a pocket of one of them. The subject was arrested for expedited removal, and the narcotics were seized.

On 11 JUN, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a stop on a white 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe on US-83, Crystal City. The occupants claimed to have been clearing brush on a ranch all day, but the driver was wearing shorts and tennis shoes, and did not know where the ranch was. The passenger was dirty and looked worn down. The vehicle had passed the Carrizo Springs Checkpoint with only one occupant 30 minutes earlier. A USBP Agent identified the passenger as an IA, and the USC driver as the alien smuggler. They were both apprehended, and the vehicle was impounded.

On 11 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a green 1997 Ford F-150 pickup on SH-85, east of Big Wells. The vehicle drove through a ranch fence, and multiple subjects bailed out. The Deputy detained five IAs, and USBP Agents apprehended an additional five IAs. The vehicle was impounded.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 12 JUN, USBP Agents observed a silver 2006 Toyota Tundra pickup and a sedan traveling in tandem on FM-1867 south of Batesville. The vehicles separated at an intersection, and the sedan was suspected of being the scout vehicle. The Agents conducted a traffic stop on the Toyota Tundra, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a ranch fence. Multiple subjects bailed out, and seven IAs were apprehended from the bed and cab of the truck. The driver was not identified. The vehicle was turned over to the Zavala Co SO, and impounded.

On 09 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2007 Chevrolet Silverado C2500 pickup on FM-190, north of Asherton, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a ranch fence, and seven subjects bailed out. The Deputy detained an IA, and USBP Agents apprehended an additional five IAs. The vehicle was impounded.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 16 JUN, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gray Ford Mustang on US-83 north of Crystal City, when a pursuit ensued. The Ford drove onto a ranch and escaped.

On 12 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a brown 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe on US-83 south of Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a fence, and all of the subjects bailed out. USBP Agents apprehended five IAs and a permanent-residence alien (LAPR), who was identified as the alien smuggler. The vehicle was impounded.

On 21 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near RR-1022 regarding a burglary and motor vehicle theft. A red 1988 Nissan short-bed truck, tools, and clothes were reported stolen from the ranch.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 07 JUN, USBP Laredo Agents were notified of a narcotics shipment. The Agents responded to a ranch in Laredo, and seized 35.28 lbs of cocaine that was concealed in pallets of tile. The cocaine was turned over to DEA. No arrests were made.



On 02 JUN, USBP Laredo Agents responded to activity on a ranch in Laredo. When Agents approached, they found bundles, and seized 201.41 lbs of marijuana. The marijuana was turned over to DEA.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 23 JUN, USBP Freer Agents found a Ford F-350 pickup parked by a ranch near Freer. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

On 24 JUN, Webb Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2005 Ford F-350 pickup on FM 649 near Laredo, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove onto a ranch, where it was found abandoned. The Deputies found 1,456 lbs of marijuana in the diesel bed tank and toolbox. The vehicle was seized.

On 27 JUN, USBP Laredo Agents responded to activity on a ranch near Laredo, and seized 340 lbs of marijuana from the brush. The marijuana was turned over to DEA.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Weslaco USBP Agents seized 181.66 lbs of marijuana near San Juan. An Agent's K-9 partner discovered the bundles of marijuana in a corn field. DEA assumed custody of the contraband.

A Starr Co SO Deputy responded to Rio Grande City regarding a deceased person who the landowner had observed in a creek next to a dirt road. The body has been identified, and the SO has ruled the death a homicide. The investigation is ongoing.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northeast Brooks County regarding a deceased person. The Deputy found a Honduran ID on the body.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy, along with USBP, was dispatched to a ranch in southern Brooks County regarding a deceased person. A cell phone was found in the pocket of the person's jeans.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded regarding a deceased person found on a ranch in northern Brooks County. The Deputy met with a USBP Agent and the Justice of the Peace, who pronounced the time of death.



A Kenedy Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch in northern Kenedy County regarding human remains. The remains were transported to the Nueces County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. The subject was identified as being from Mexico.



A Kenedy Co SO Deputy responded to the report of an IA who had been hit by a train near Hwy 77 and Marana Gate, but was still breathing. The subject was transported to a hospital in Harlingen, where she later died. The subject had been struck while sleeping on the tracks.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

A Brooks Co SO Deputy escorted by USBP Agents responded to a ranch in northern Brooks County regarding skeletal remains.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch in northeast Brooks County regarding a deceased person lying next to a tree. A USBP Agent was waiting for the Deputy, who arrived with the Justice of the Peace.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northern Brooks County regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the body. USBP assisted the Deputy.



2014–Present	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	0	63	573	353	1,104	475	2,568
Bailouts	3	54	426	250	1,180	519	2,432



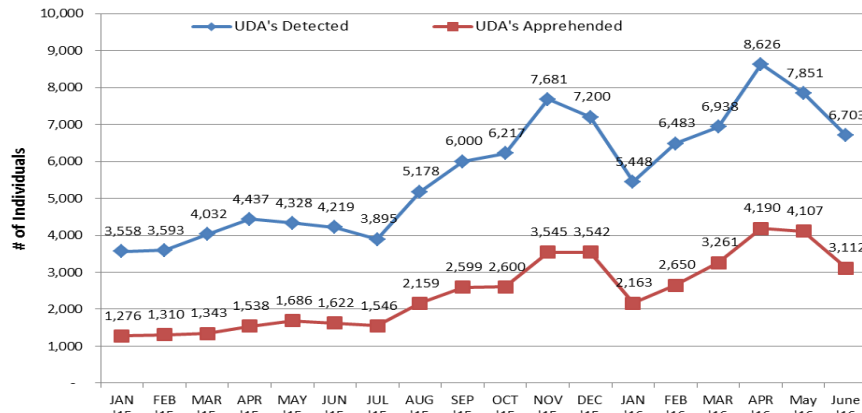


OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE

Statistical Summary – JUN 2016



Drawbridge Stats



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE TOTALS: JAN 2012 – JUN 2016

Detections	213,123
Apprehensions	96,833
Marijuana Seized	345,394 lbs (~173 tons)
Cocaine Seized	227 lbs
Meth Seized	17 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	27

OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE TOTALS: CY 2016

Detections	42,049
Apprehensions	19,483
Narcotics Seized	38,441 lbs (~19 tons)



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