

# **Border Operations Sector Assessment**

South Texas  
Ranch Edition

**May  
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# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY BORDER SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER



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 May 31, 2016: 33

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

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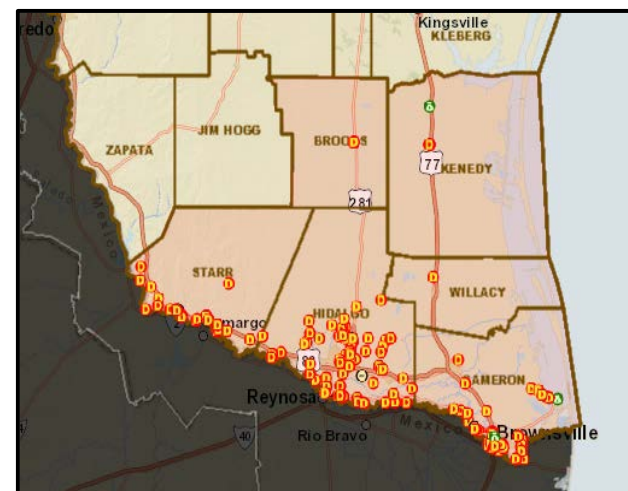
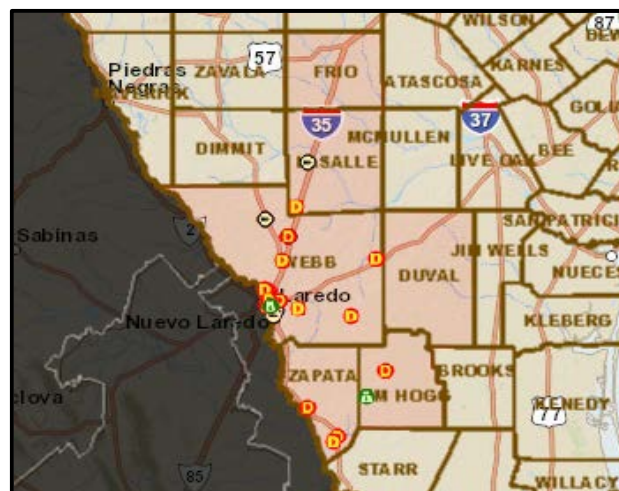
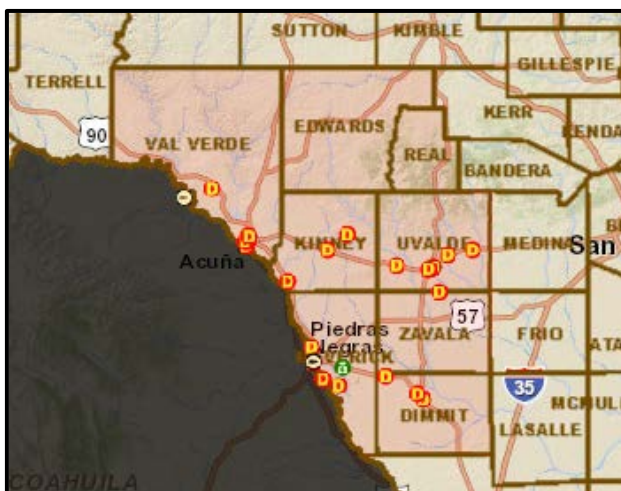
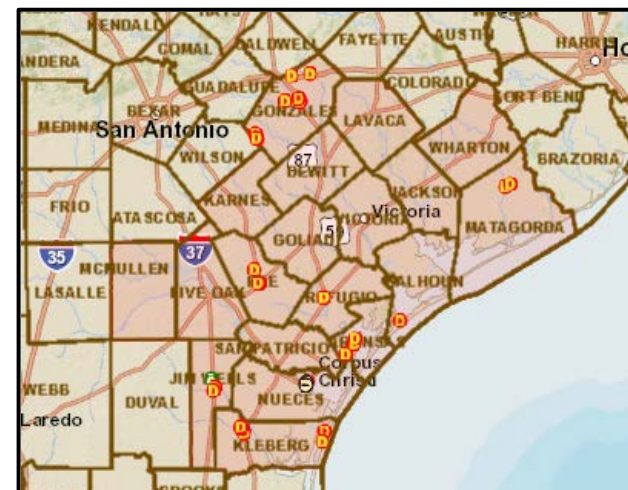
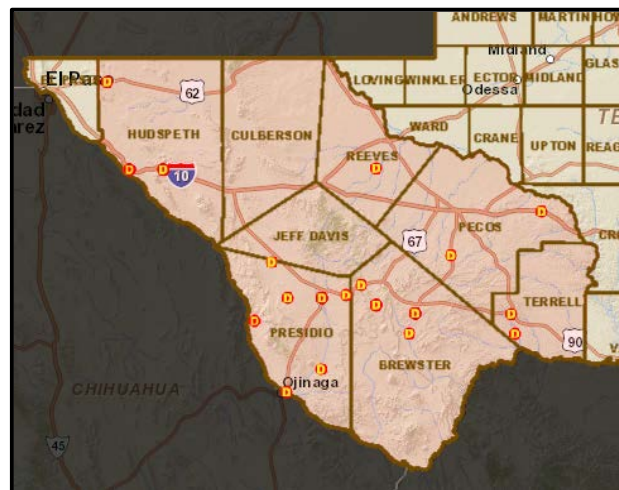
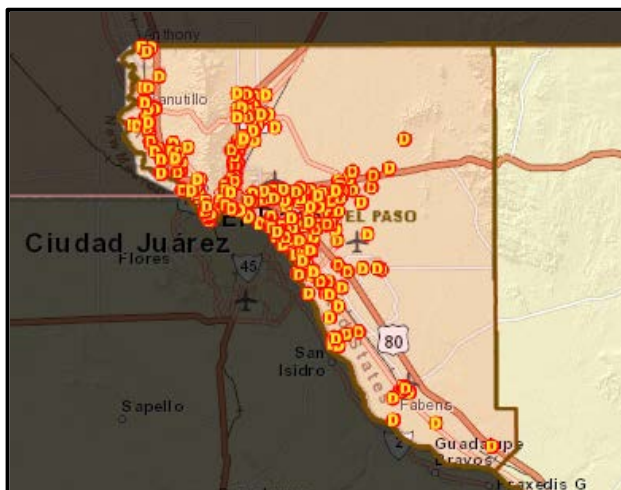


## OPERATION BORDER STAR

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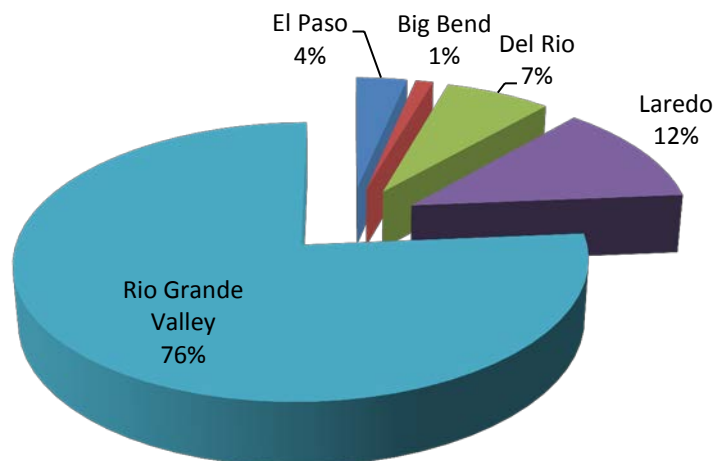


CY To Date – 2016	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL	2014 ONDCP Adjusted Value (Approximate)
Marijuana (~lbs)	70,070	19,076	3,894	69,584	175,458	324	338,407	\$2.05 Billion
Cocaine (~lbs)	314	13	44	980	2,491	590	4,431	\$272 Million
Methamphetamine (~lbs)	711	116	263	1,249	1,770	10	4,119	\$359 Million
Heroin (~lbs)	28	15	31	243	256	3	576	\$74 Million

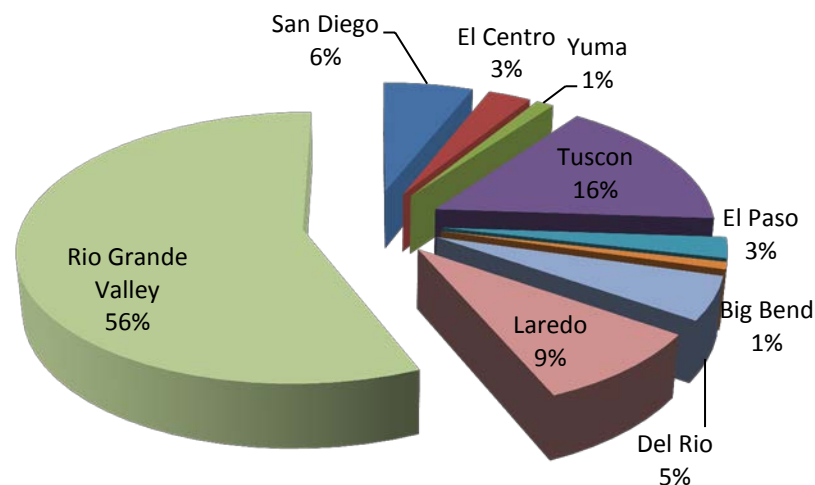




## Texas Sector Apprehensions – CY 2014

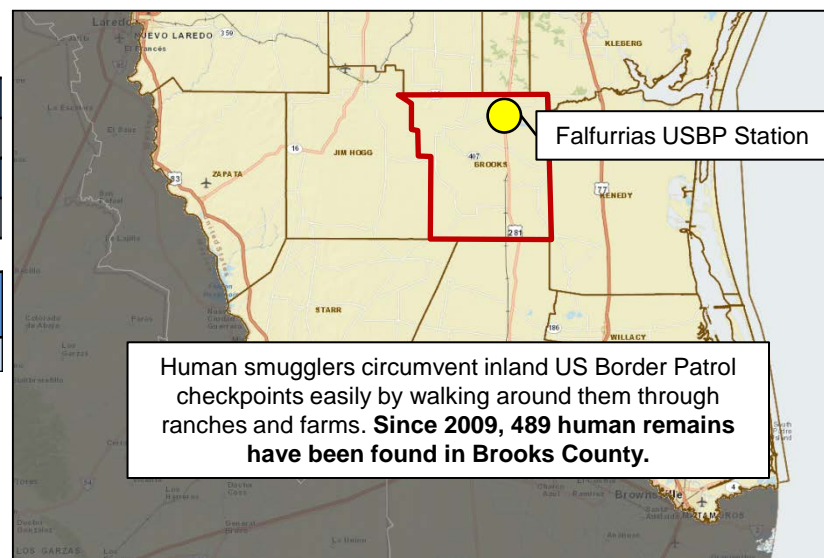


## Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions – CY 2014



IAs	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
YTD-2016	9,299	1,913	9,634	16,976	68,282	0	106,104
OTMs	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
YTD-2016	3,394	871	3,523	4,360	47,584	0	59,732

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





# MARFA SECTOR

Marfa USBP Agents seized 342.70 pounds of marijuana and arrested six IAs – including two Hondurans – on a ranch in northern Presidio County. Two additional subjects absconded. The marijuana was found hidden in the brush. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA pending prosecution.



# MARFA SECTOR

May 06 BOSA - Sanderson USBP Agents seized 305.85 pounds of abandoned marijuana on a ranch south of Sanderson. The marijuana was in five duffel bags, each containing 14 cellophane-wrapped bundles. The marijuana was referred to Eagle Pass DEA.



Marfa USBP Agents arrested 15 IAs, including two juveniles, on a ranch southwest of Marfa. Eleven subjects were held in Sierra Blanca pending prosecution, and the remaining four subjects were processed for removal.

Marfa USBP Agents arrested six IAs, including one juvenile, on a ranch west of Marfa. One subject was held in Sierra Blanca pending prosecution, one was held pending disposition, and the remaining four were processed for removal.

# MARFA SECTOR

Sanderson USBP Agents arrested nine Guatemalan IAs, including three juveniles, on a ranch in central Brewster County. Three subjects were held in Pecos pending prosecution, and the remaining six were processed for removal.

Marfa USBP Agents seized 231.40 lbs of abandoned marijuana on a ranch southeast of Candelaria. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

Marfa USBP Agents arrested five IAs on a ranch in Valentine. Three subjects were held in Marfa pending prosecution, and two were processed for removal.

Brewster Co SO Deputies, assisted by Alpine USBP, seized approximately 271 lbs of marijuana and a white 2007 Chevrolet 3500 pickup after a pursuit on US-385 into Pecos Co. The subject drove through a fence onto a ranch. When the vehicle came to a stop, the occupants absconded. Five large burlap sacks of marijuana were found in the truck.





# DEL RIO SECTOR



On 28 APR, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near Diamond H Road, Catarina, regarding an abandoned white 2015 Ford F-350 pickup. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.

On 10 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2010 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on FM-1025, east of US-83, Crystal City, when a pursuit ensued. The driver crashed through a fence, bailed out, and absconded. The Zavala Co SO impounded the vehicle.

On 13 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a blue 1994 Chevrolet Silverado C1500 pickup on SH-85, east of Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. USBP Agents, THP Troopers, and Frio Co SO Deputies assisted in the pursuit. The vehicle drove through a fence near IH-35, Pearsall, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.





# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 07 MAY, a USBP Agent observed a silver truck on a ranch in Asherton, attempting to drive through oil field traffic. A ranch worker told the Agent that two silver Ford F-150 pickups were travelling in tandem on the ranch without permission. Dimmit Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on both trucks near US-83, when a pursuit ensued. Both vehicles drove through a ranch gate, and the occupants bailed out. CBP Air and Marine, with Agents, found eight IAs and one alien smuggler hiding in the brush. The IAs were apprehended. Both vehicles were impounded. One of them was identified as a rental, and the other as stolen from Houston.

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On 04 MAY, a USBP Agent saw several subjects getting into a white 2001 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on FM-1916, south of FM-190, Asherton. The Agent conducted an inspection on the subjects, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a fence, and seven subjects bailed out and absconded. An IA from the vehicle was apprehended, and the vehicle was impounded.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 16 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy observed a black 2001 Hyundai Santa Fe and a silver 2004 Honda Accord parked on FM-186, Carrizo Springs. The Deputy conducted a welfare check, and the two female drivers that stated they were en route to San Antonio. USBP Agents responded to assist, and the drivers admitted that they were going to pick up IAs from a ranch near Carrizo Springs. The driver of the black Hyundai was cited. The Hyundai was impounded, and both drivers were released with the silver Honda Accord.



On 15 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2007 GMC Sierra pickup on US-83 in Crystal City, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through several fences, and onto a ranch on FM-582. The driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.



# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 12 MAY, USBP Agents discovered an abandoned white boat on the river bank on the US side of the Rio Grande River, on a ranch south of Comstock. Inside the boat, the Agents found a rifle with six rounds. An NPS Park Ranger was dispatched to assist, and took possession of the boat, rifle, and ammo.

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On 12 MAY, USBP Agents on a ranch near US-57, east of Eagle Pass, discovered four sets of footprints leading in the brush. They found four subjects and identified them as a USC smuggler and three IAs. The USC was arrested for alien smuggling, and the IAs were apprehended.

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On 22 MAY, a USBP Agent on a ranch southeast of Eagle Pass, observed four subjects walking in a canal toward FM-1021. A K-9 Agent arrived, and discovered four duffel bags containing a total of 227.6 pounds of marijuana. The marijuana was turned over to the DEA.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 23 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on US-83, near FM-1025, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a ranch fence off FM-1025, and all of the occupants bailed out. A search resulted in the apprehension of three IAs. The vehicle was impounded.

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On 22 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2011 Ford F-150 pickup on US-83, north of Crystal City, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a ranch in Dimmit Co, and the occupant bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.

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On 13 MAY, a USBP Agent observed a white 2006 Kia Sorento and a Chevrolet pickup travelling in tandem near US-83, Catarina. Before the Agent could perform an inspection, the Kia drove through a fence on FM-133, east of Catarina. The occupants bailed out. The Agent detained two IAs and impounded the vehicle.



# LAREDO SECTOR

On 12 MAY, USBP Freer Agents assisted Duval Co SO with a bailout east of Benavides. The Agents observed a Ford F-250 pickup crash through a ranch fence, and then found the vehicle abandoned. A VIN check identified it as stolen from George West. The vehicle was turned over to Duval Co SO.

On 28 APR, USBP Hebbronville Agents responded to suspicious activity near Hebbronville, and found a bundle-loaded black Ford F-250 pickup inside a shed on a ranch. Three subjects bailed out. The Agents arrested a subject, and seized approximately 1,027 pounds of marijuana from the bed of the vehicle. The subject, vehicle, and marijuana were turned over to DEA.



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY

A Brooks Co SO Deputy met with USBP regarding a deceased person at a ranch west of Falfurrias. The deceased had a cell phone, US currency, Guatemalan currency, and an ID card.



Brooks Co SO Deputies were dispatched to a ranch in northwest Brooks County regarding a deceased person. USBP escorted the Deputy to the location, and the Justice of the Peace pronounced the time of death.



A Brooks Co SO Deputies responded to a ranch in central Brooks County regarding a decomposed human body that had been found by a ranch hand. The Justice of the Peace arrived and pronounced the time of death.



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in central Brooks County regarding human skeletal remains. The Deputy made contact with the ranch manager, and was taken to the remains. The Deputy transported the remains to Brooks Co SO.

A Brooks Co SO deputy was dispatched to a ranch in Central Brooks County regarding human skeletal remains. The Deputy took custody of the remains and took them to the Justice of the Peace to establish the time of death.



A Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch in southern Brooks County where human skeletal remains and scattered clothing had been found. The remains were transported to the Webb Co Medical Examiner.

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY



A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in central Brooks county regarding a deceased person. Upon arriving with a Judge, the Deputy was met by a USBP Agent and taken to the scene. The Webb Co Medical Examiner took possession of the body.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northwest Brooks County regarding a deceased person. The Deputy met with a USBP Agent and the owner of the ranch, who had found the body. The deceased had a Mexican identification card. The JP was notified, and arrived to pronounce the time of death.





# COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 17 MAY, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Chevrolet 1500 pickup in central Live Oak county, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle drove through a fence, and a unknown number of subjects bailed out and absconded.





2014–Present	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	0	63	559	347	1,083	473	2,525
Bailouts	3	54	416	246	1,163	515	2,397





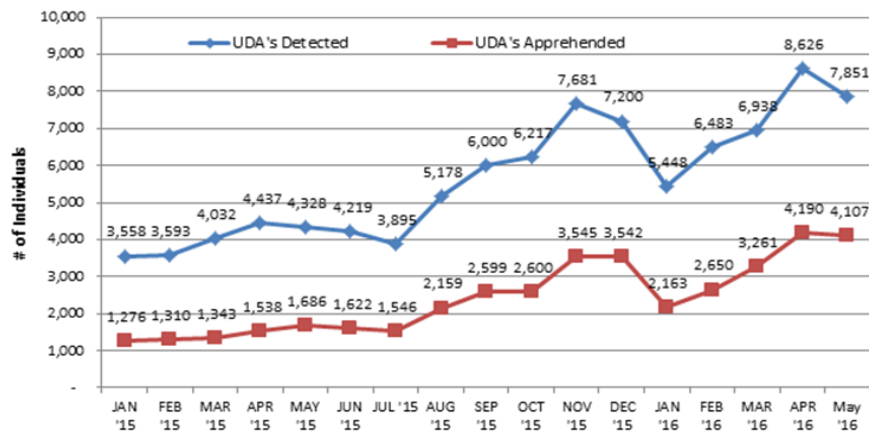


# OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE

Statistical Summary – MAY 2015



Drawbridge Stats



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE TOTALS: JAN 2012 – MAY 2016

Detections	206,420
Apprehensions	93,721
Marijuana Seized	338,954 lbs (~169 tons)
Cocaine Seized	227 lbs
Meth Seized	17 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	27

OPERATION DRAWBRIDGE TOTALS: CY 2016

Detections	35,356
Apprehensions	16,371
Narcotics Seized	32,001 lbs (~16 tons)





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