

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**May
2018**

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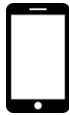
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

South Texas Ranch Crime Index Total as of February 28, 2018: 58

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.



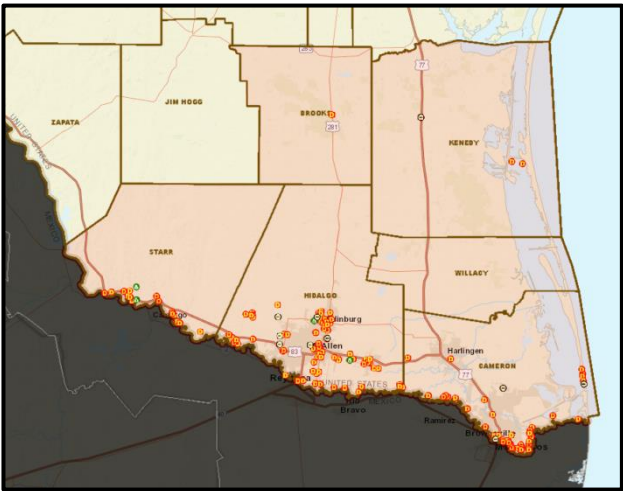
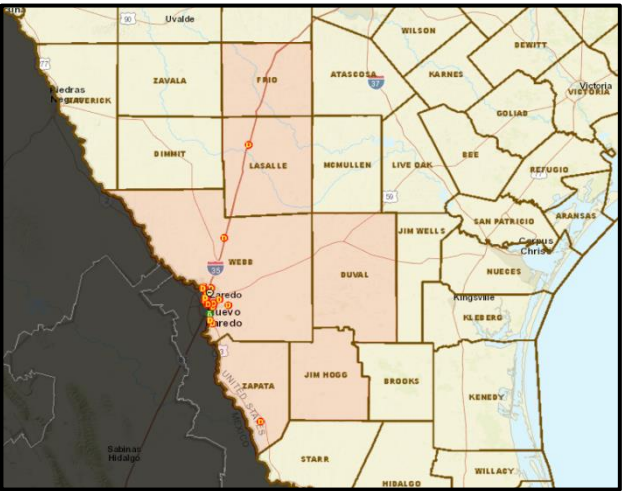
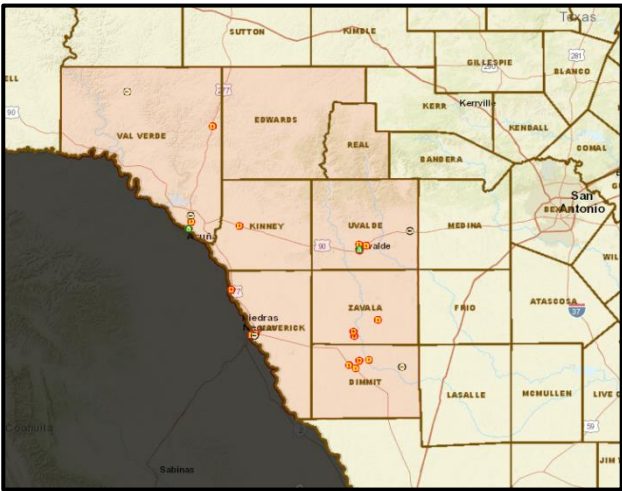
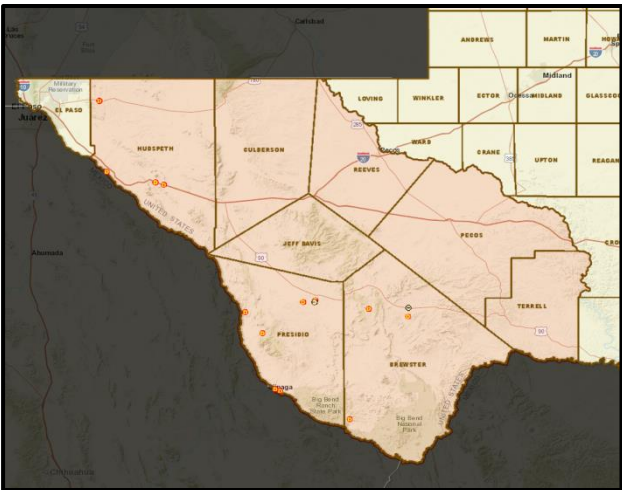
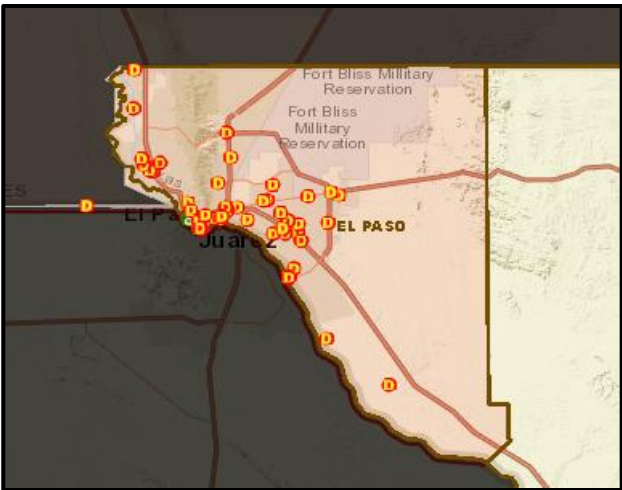
OPERATION BORDER STAR

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Seizures – CYTD 2018	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	25,734	14,761	853	51,403	119,093	27	211,871
Cocaine (lbs)	563	21	159	1,227	1,617	59	3,647
Methamphetamine (lbs)	474	65	635	2,102	1,365	< 1	4,643
Heroin (lbs)	127	26	< 1	132	93	--	379

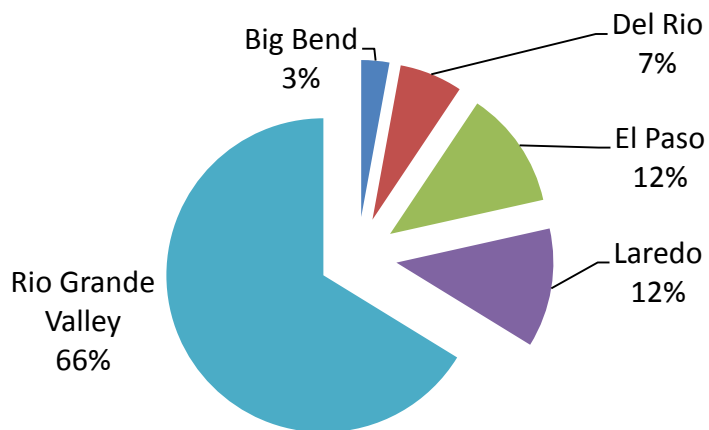




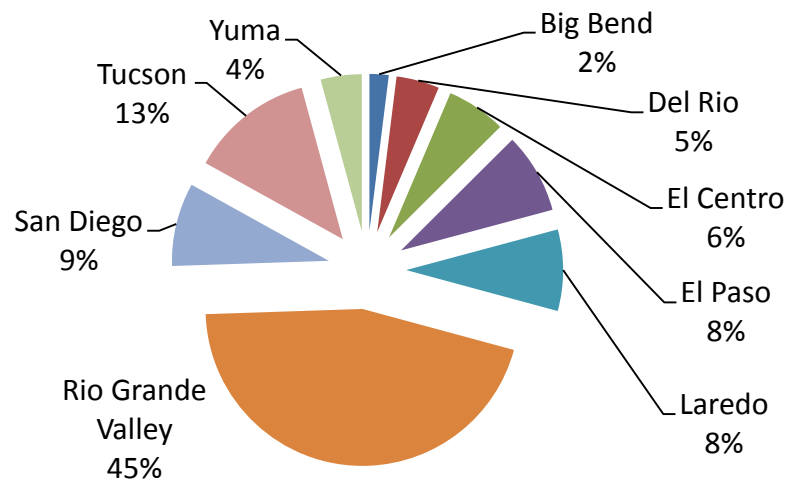
Sector Apprehension Comparisons



**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY 2017 (OCT-SEP)**



**Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions
FY 2017 (OCT-SEP)**

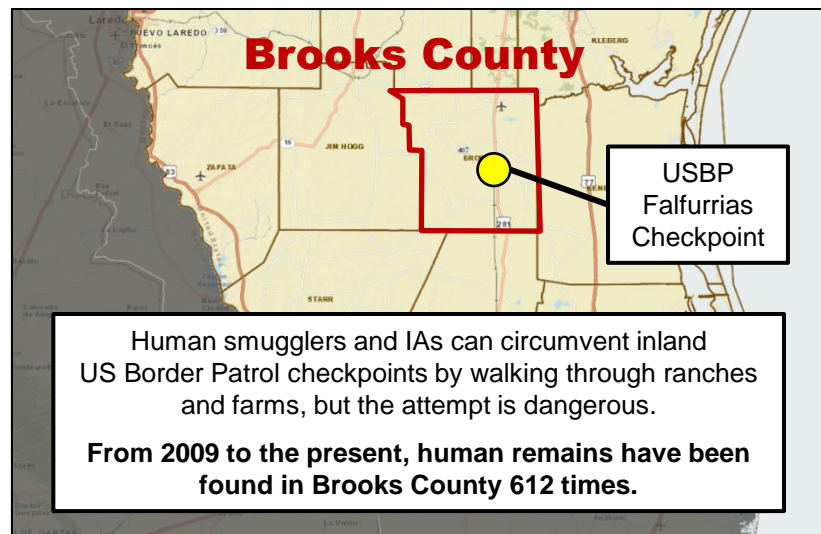


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	12,125	4,077	7,083	15,316	66,335	0	104,936

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	7,637	2,273	3,158	4,327	51,820	0	69,215

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2014	FY 2013
Texas Border	31,827	47,192	31,109	58,312	27,827



MARFA SECTOR

On 05 MAY, USBP Agents seized 164.80 lbs of marijuana and apprehended three subjects in a cave on a ranch near Candelaria. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.



On 05 MAY, USBP Agents apprehended an IA human smuggler and seven IAs on a ranch near Allamore. The subjects were referred to El Paso HSI.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 02 MAY, USBP Agents conducted a traffic stop on a 2008 GMC Yukon in Uvalde, when the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle crashed through a ranch fence and six subjects bailed out. Other Agents assisted, arrested the front passenger for human smuggling, and processed an IA.

On 07 MAY, USBP Agents were informed by the foreman of a ranch in Catarina of an abandoned 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 pickup on the ranch. The pickup was stolen from San Antonio. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 01 MAY, Uvalde Co SO Deputies were informed that a red 2002 GMC Sierra pickup with two shotguns had been stolen from a ranch on US-83 in Uvalde. The suspect is a known fugitive from New Mexico. The investigation is ongoing.

On 12 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 pickup on US-57 in Batesville, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle went off the road and through brush at a ranch. All of the occupants bailed out. An IA was detained, and stated that there had been 12 other subjects in the vehicle. The IA was referred to USBP. The vehicle was impounded.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 10 MAY, a USBP Agent was dispatched to a ranch south of Catarina regarding a call for assistance. An HSI Agent observed a white 2015 GMC Sierra pickup make a U-turn and drive toward US-83. The Agent conducted an inspection on the vehicle on US-83, but the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto another ranch, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle had a false rear license plate, and was reported stolen from San Antonio. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy impounded the vehicle.



DEL RIO SECTOR



On 11 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on US-83, south of Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch along US-83, west of Encinal, and the two occupants bailed out and absconded. A USBP Agent assisted in the recovery of the vehicle, which the Deputy impounded.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 21 MAY, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a white 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on FM 1025 in Crystal City, when the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle crashed onto a ranch, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. A baggie with 0.01 lbs of marijuana was found in the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded by Zavala Co SO.

On 22 MAY, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a white 2001 Freightliner TTST in Catarina. The vehicle failed to yield, and crashed through a ranch fence. The vehicle, which was found abandoned, was impounded.

On 24 MAY, a Kinney Co SO Deputy found four IAs on a ranch west of Brackettville. USBP detained and processed the IAs.

On 27 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch west of Catarina regarding a group of IAs who were in distress. A rancher reported the location of six IAs who were dehydrated. After being treated by medical personnel, the IAs were processed by USBP.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 20 MAY, a USBP Agent found human remains on a ranch west of Carrizo Springs. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to assist the Agent. The Deputy found a backpack and cell phone with the remains, and suspected that they belonged to an IA who had perished on the ranch. The remains were taken to a funeral home.

On 23 MAY, a USBP Agent conducted an inspection on a white 2008 Chrysler Sebring at the tactical checkpoint on FM 2644 in Maverick Co. The driver gave the Agent a suspicious story, and the Agent referred the vehicle to secondary inspection. A moment later, the Agent conducted an inspection on a white 2009 Saturn Outlook, which failed to yield. The Agent and a THP Trooper followed the Saturn, which was driven through a ranch fence. The occupants bailed out, the Agent and Trooper detained nine IAs, and the driver absconded. The three USC occupants in the Chrysler were identified as human smugglers who were scouting for the Saturn. USBP processed the IAs. An HSI Agent arrested the smugglers, and a Dimmit Co SO Deputy impounded the Saturn.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 22 MAY, Laredo South USBP Agents assisted Webb Co SO Deputies with a traffic stop on a 2011 Ford F-250 pickup near Laredo. The vehicle failed to yield, eventually stopping at a ranch. Six IAs were apprehended, and the vehicle was identified as stolen from Rio Grande City.

On 23 MAY, Laredo North USBP Agents conducted a traffic stop on a 2016 Ford F-250 pickup near Laredo. The vehicle was driven through a fence and was found abandoned on a ranch. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 03 MAY, Fort Brown USBP Agents responded to a Drawbridge alert indicating narcotics smuggling activity near a ranch in Brownsville. Texas Ranger SOG Operators responded, seized four bundles containing a total of 189.46 lbs of marijuana, and apprehended four subjects. DEA assumed custody of the subjects and narcotics.



Harlingen USBP Agents seized 141.50 lbs of marijuana. The Agents received information from field workers regarding several bundles on fire in a field of sugarcane in Los Indios. The Agents responded and reported observing four bundles on fire. The bundles were extinguished and DEA assumed custody of the narcotics.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch at the northern edge of Brooks County regarding a deceased person discovered by USBP.



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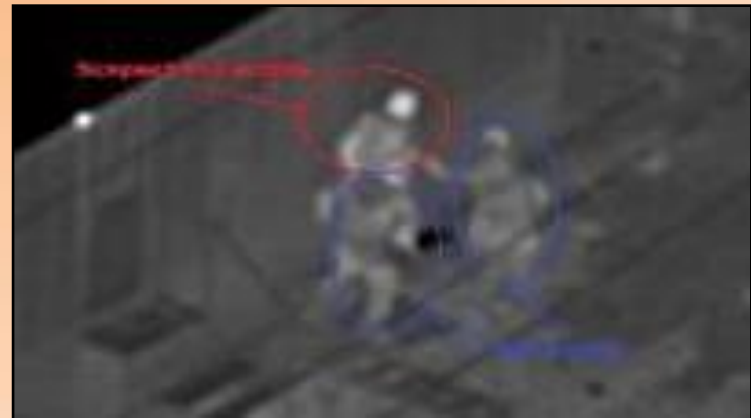


Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 40.78 lbs of marijuana near Brownsville. The Agents observed three subjects exit a corn field near the end of the levee. The Agents apprehended three subjects with the marijuana. DEA assumed custody of the subjects and narcotics.

A Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in central Brooks County concerning human remains. Inspection of the site continued the next morning, and the remains were transported to Brooks Co SO.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

DPS AVN responded to a call on FM 495. USBP Agents took four subjects into custody. The Aircrew then responded to a request by McAllen USBP Agents to assist in a search for a loaded vehicle, a request by USBP to locate several subjects who had fled into the brush, and a call regarding a stolen backhoe. Several subjects were apprehended by ground units when the backhoe was located.





Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	90	655	404	1,683	603	3,438
Bailouts	5	103	839	712	1,543	568	3,770

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



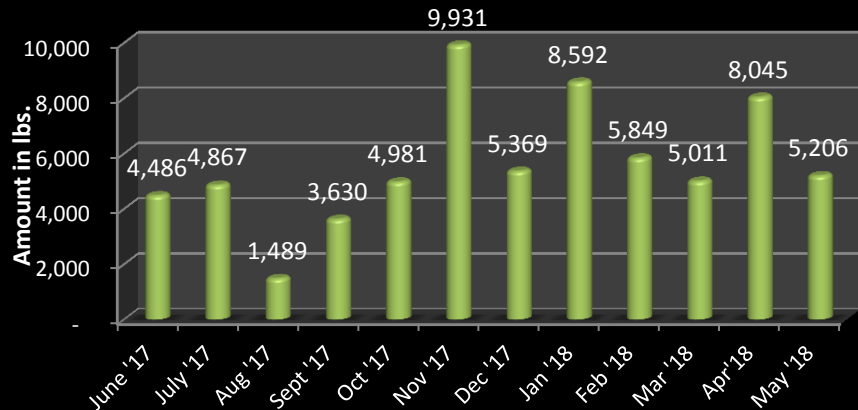


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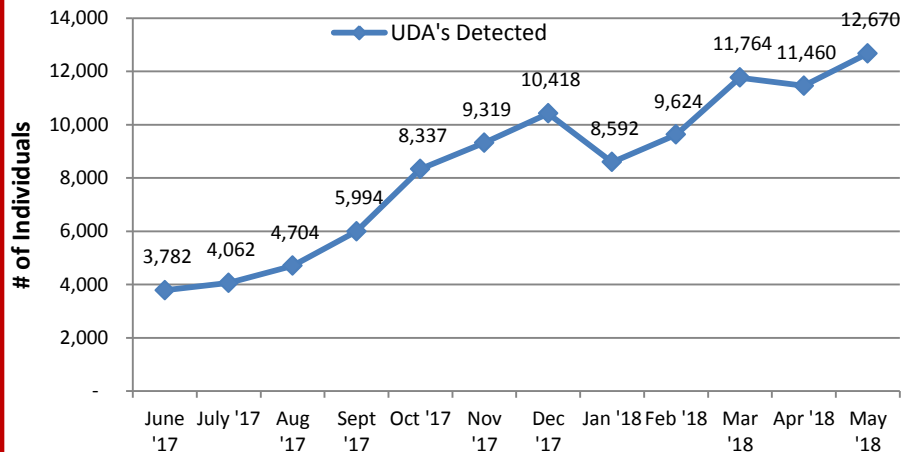
Statistical Summary – MAY 2018



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Drawbridge Stats



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – MAY 2018

Detections	402,288
Marijuana Seized	470,601 lbs (>235 tons)
Cocaine Seized	294 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	15 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	32

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2018

Detections	54,379
Narcotics Seized	32,770 lbs (>16 tons)

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



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