

# **Border Operations Sector Assessment**

South Texas  
Ranch Edition

**July  
2018**

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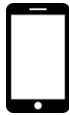
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.

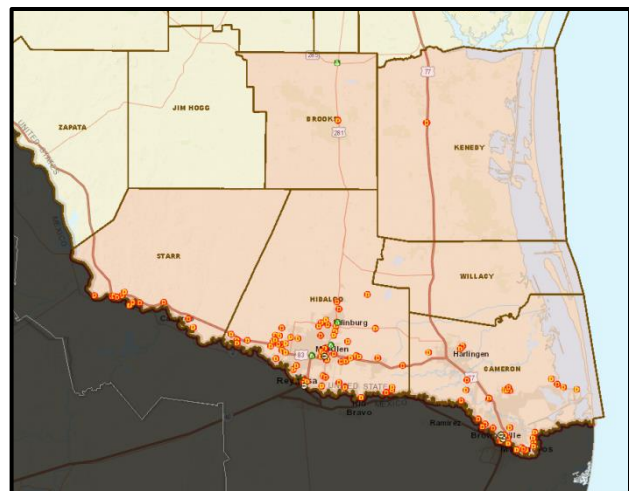
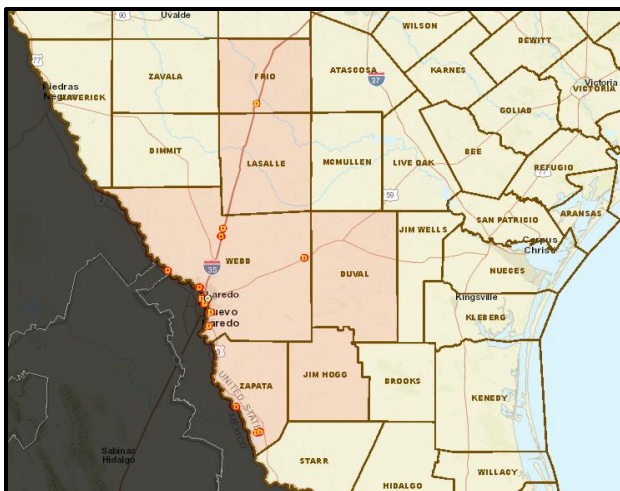
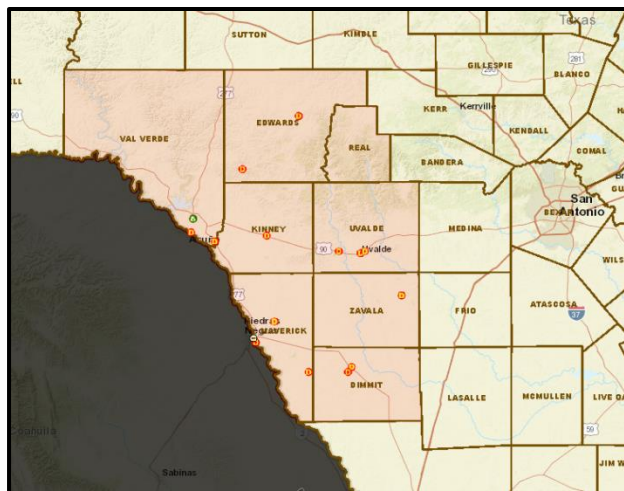
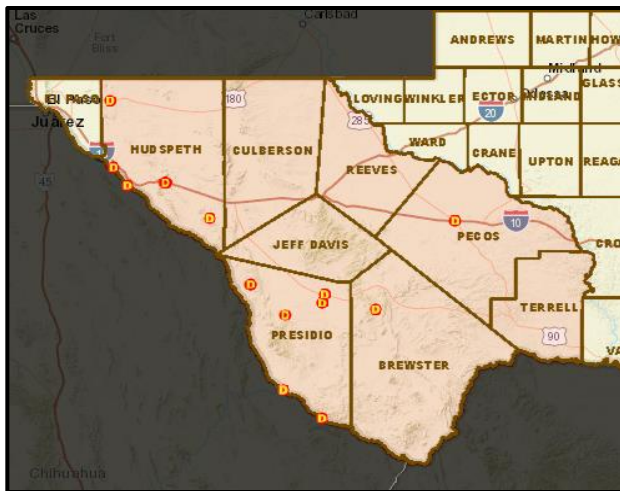
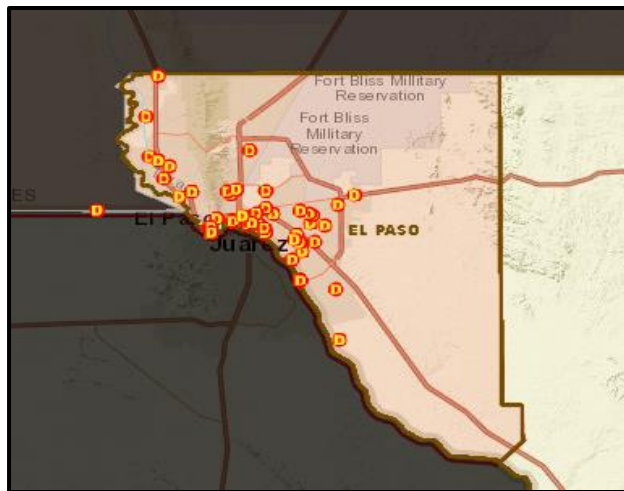


## OPERATION BORDER STAR

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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Seizures – CYTD 2018	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	32,687	19,891	868	62,436	139,523	92	255,498
Cocaine (lbs)	629	48	159	1,274	2,436	59	4,606
Methamphetamine (lbs)	941	66	829	2,919	1,838	< 1	6,594
Heroin (lbs)	178	26	5	132	151	< 1	493

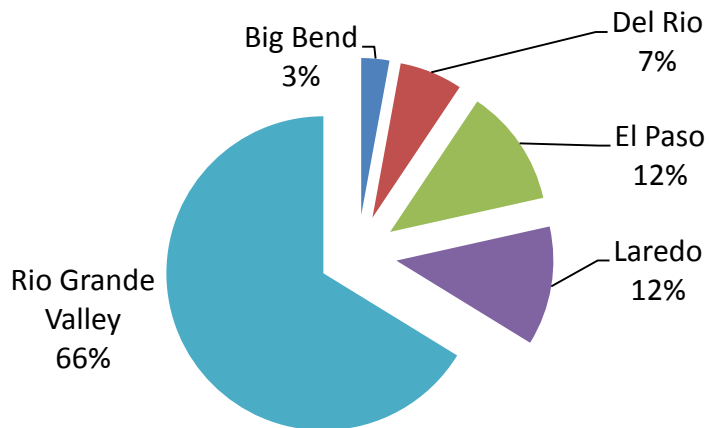




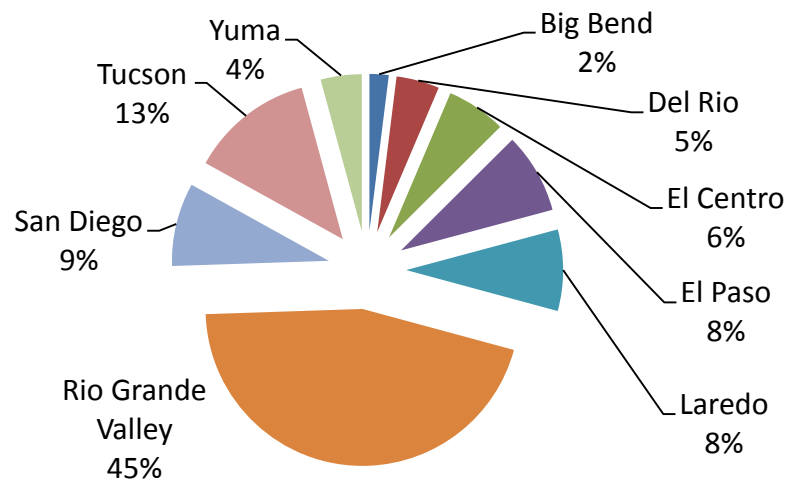
# Sector Apprehension Comparisons



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



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

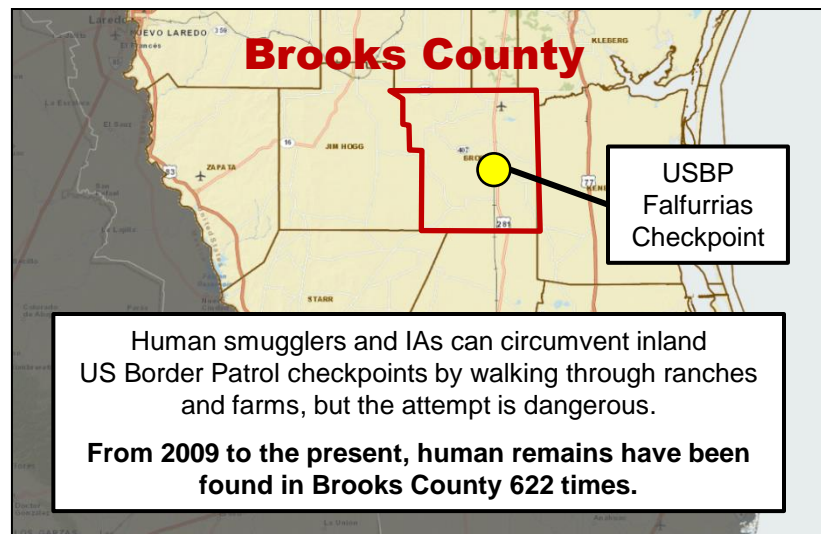


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	18,219	4,989	9,771	20,391	92,089	0	145,459

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	12,507	2,614	4,990	6,458	73,355	0	99,924

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 03 JUL, Presidio Co SO responded to a report of a deceased subject on a ranch north of Redford. The subject had been reported missing by Brewster Co SO in April and was last seen south of Alpine. The body was sent to Lubbock for an autopsy.



On 22 JUL, a Terrell Co SO Deputy detained two IAs near a ranch entrance north of Dryden. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 15 JUL, USBP Agents seized 317.38 lbs of marijuana and apprehended eight IAs on a ranch north of Candelaria. The marijuana was found in eight green military-style duffel bags. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.





# MARFA SECTOR

On 24 JUL, USBP Agents seized 90.83 lbs of marijuana that was found abandoned on a ranch north of Candelaria. The marijuana was in two large backpacks. Two subjects were believed to have absconded. The marijuana was referred to DEA.



On 30 JUL, a rancher on a property south of Allamoore was notified by an IA that the IA's brother was in trouble. The rancher was led to the subject's location, where the subject was found already deceased. Hudspeth Co SO responded to the scene.

# DEL RIO SECTOR



On 05 JUL, a USBP Agent conducted a traffic stop on a 2009 Ford F-150 pickup north of Asherton. The vehicle drove through a fence onto a ranch, and two occupants bailed out. Five IAs were detained immediately, and another was found after a search. Wooden blocks had been placed in the suspension of the pickup to conceal the extra weight.

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On 06 JUL, USBP Agents inspected a 2002 Toyota Tacoma pickup southwest of Catarina, when the vehicle failed to yield. Dimmit Co SO Deputies responded to assist. The vehicle crashed at a ranch in Catarina. All of the occupants bailed out and absconded.

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On 11 JUL, USBP Agents were searching for a human-smuggling vehicle near La Pryor, when a Zavala Co SO Deputy found an abandoned white 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on a nearby ranch. The vehicle had not been reported stolen at the time.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 09 JUL, USBP Agents encountered a group of seven IAs hiding in brush on a ranch in Quemado. One of the subjects, who was identified as a guide for the group, was arrested for human smuggling. The IAs were processed.

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On 11 JUL, USBP Agents encountered a group of suspects walking in brush on a ranch near Comstock and identified them as four IAs. One of the IAs was identified as a guide and arrested for human smuggling.

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On 15 JUL, a USBP Agent found two subjects hiding in brush on a ranch south of Del Rio. The Agent detained one of the subjects, who was an IA, but the other subject absconded. The Agent found 0.01 lbs of marijuana in the IA's backpack. The Agent arrested and processed the IA, and referred the marijuana to DEA.

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On 19 JUL, USBP Agents encountered a group of subjects on a ranch south of Eagle Pass. The Agents apprehended two of the subjects, but the rest fled on foot. Later, on a ranch in El Indio, the Agents apprehended four more of the subjects. One subject was unconscious and apparently suffering from heat-related symptoms. The subject was taken to a hospital, treated, and released to USBP custody. A total of six IAs were processed.



# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 17 JUL, a USBP Agent found a deceased subject on a ranch southwest of Catarina. Dimmit Co SO Deputies and a Justice of the Peace responded to assist. The subject's body was taken to a funeral home.

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On 25 JUL, a USBP Agent apprehended four IAs who were hiding in brush on a ranch east of Eagle Pass. One of the IAs was identified as an 18th Street gang member. The Agent arrested the gang member for illegal entry, and processed the IAs.

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On 26 JUL, a USBP Agent apprehended three IAs who were hiding in brush on a ranch in Del Rio. A juvenile IA was identified as the human smuggler.

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On 25 JUL, a USBP Agent apprehended four IAs who had crossed the Rio Grande onto a ranch in Del Rio. One of the IAs was identified as the human smuggler.

# LAREDO SECTOR

On 06 JUL, Zapata USBP Agents received information regarding narcotics smuggling near a fishing lodge in Zapata. The Agents found several subjects walking through brush. As the Agents approached the subjects, they absconded. The Agents found 664.50 lbs of marijuana in the brush, and apprehended two IAs. The marijuana was referred to DEA.



On 13 JUL, Laredo North USBP Agents discovered an abandoned maroon 2018 Ford F-250 pickup at a ranch near Encinal. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was referred to La Salle Co SO. The Agents later apprehended 12 IAs in the area.

On 13 JUL, Freer USBP Agents discovered an abandoned white 2018 Ford F-250 pickup at a ranch near Freer. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was referred to Webb Co SO. The Agents later apprehended 20 IAs in the area.

# LAREDO SECTOR

On 19 JUL, Freer USBP Agents conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Ford F-150 pickup traveling on TX-16, when the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was later found abandoned. The vehicle was reported stolen from Cibolo.

On 21 JUL, Duval Co SO conducted a traffic stop on a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado pickup near Rios, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through two ranch fences and was later found abandoned near CR 221. USBP was advised and apprehended three IAs nearby.



On 25 JUL, Zapata USBP Agents received information regarding bundles hidden on a ranch. The Agents found 808.66 lbs of marijuana concealed in brush. The narcotics were referred to DEA.



On 27 JUL, Hebbronville USBP Agents responded to reports of a 2017 Ford pickup dropping off subjects. The Agents found the vehicle abandoned on a ranch near Hebbronville. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.



# RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 11 JUL, a Hidalgo PD Officer detained two IAs who had been part of a larger group of subjects hiding in an orchard. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 26 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in central Brooks County regarding human remains that had been found several miles into the ranch from the south gate.



## COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 15 JUL, Live Oak Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white Dodge Ram 2500 pickup traveling on FM 799 and CR 384 near George West, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through ten fences before returning to FM 799. The Deputies lost contact with the vehicle.



## Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)\*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	94	667	412	1,702	608	<b>3,486</b>
Bailouts	5	105	855	727	1,561	579	<b>3,832</b>

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



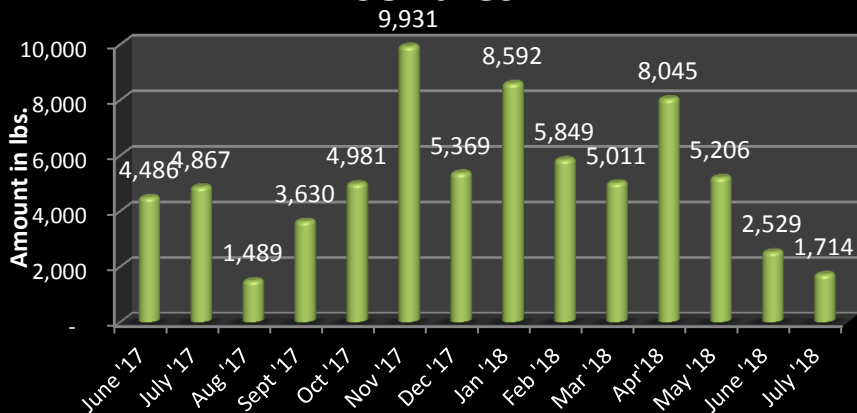


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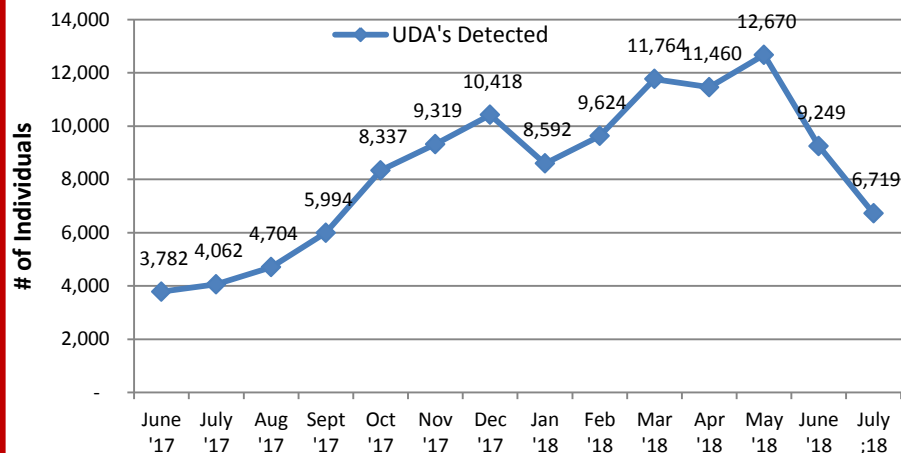
Statistical Summary – JUL 2018



## Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



## Drawbridge Stats



### Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – JUL 2018

Detections	418,256
Marijuana Seized	474,844 lbs (>237 tons)
Cocaine Seized	294 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	20 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	34

### Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2018

Detections	70,347
Narcotics Seized	37,025 lbs (>18 tons)

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





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