

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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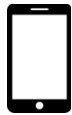
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.



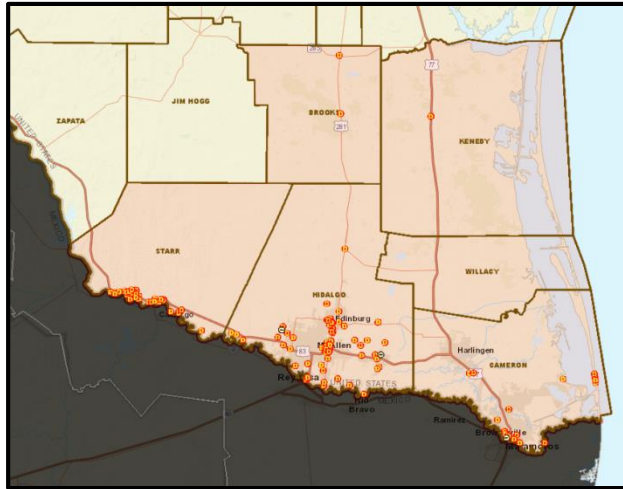
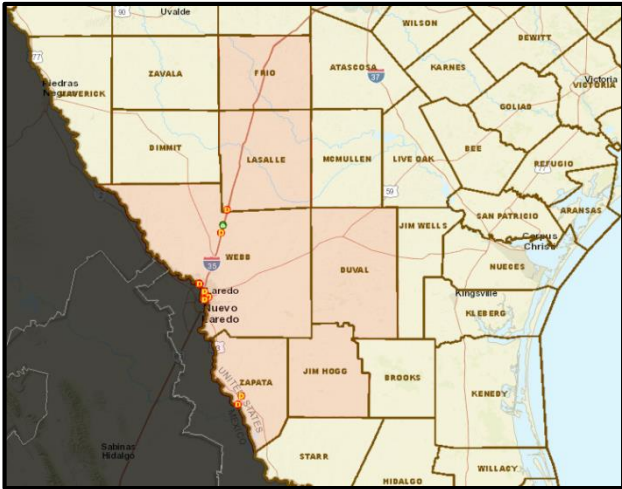
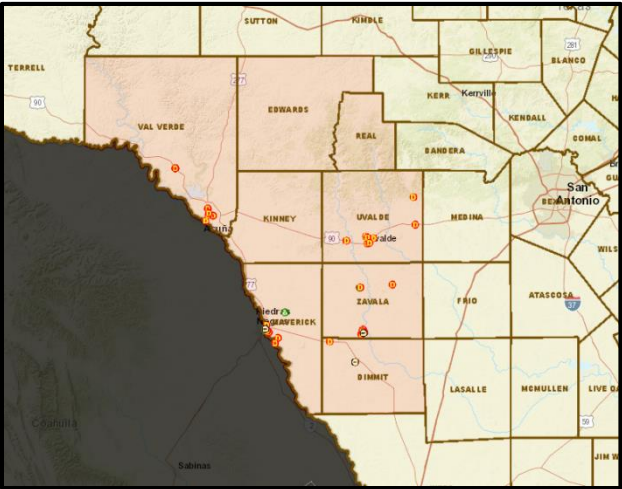
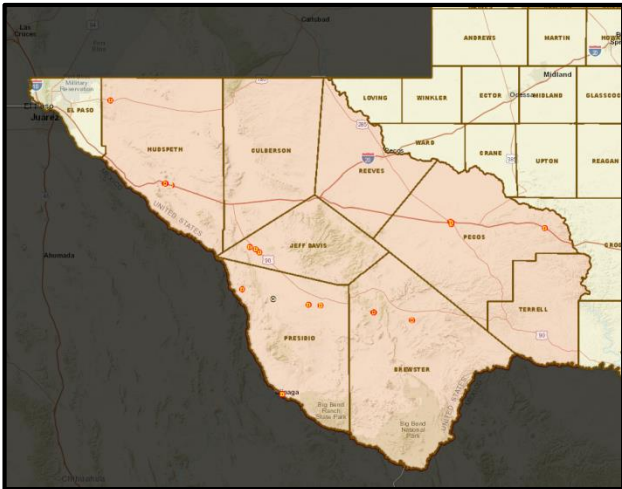
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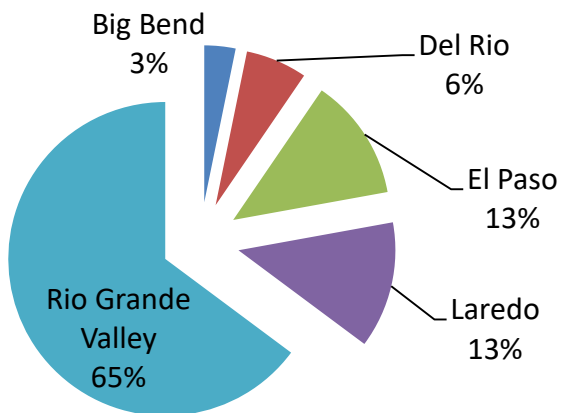
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Seizures – CYTD 2018	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	46,244	28,186	3,606	79,661	192,925	300	350,923
Cocaine (lbs)	1,046	99	462	4,100	3,354	163	9,225
Methamphetamine (lbs)	1,619	97	1,272	4,477	3,403	47	10,916
Heroin (lbs)	210	26	26	354	279	11	906

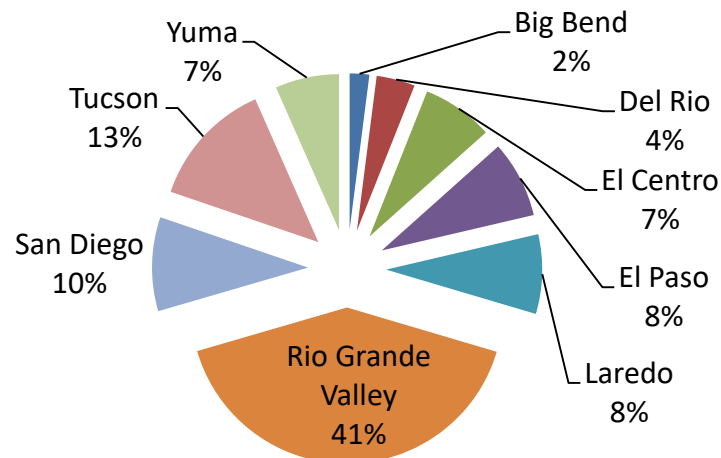




**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2018 (OCT-SEP)**



**Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions
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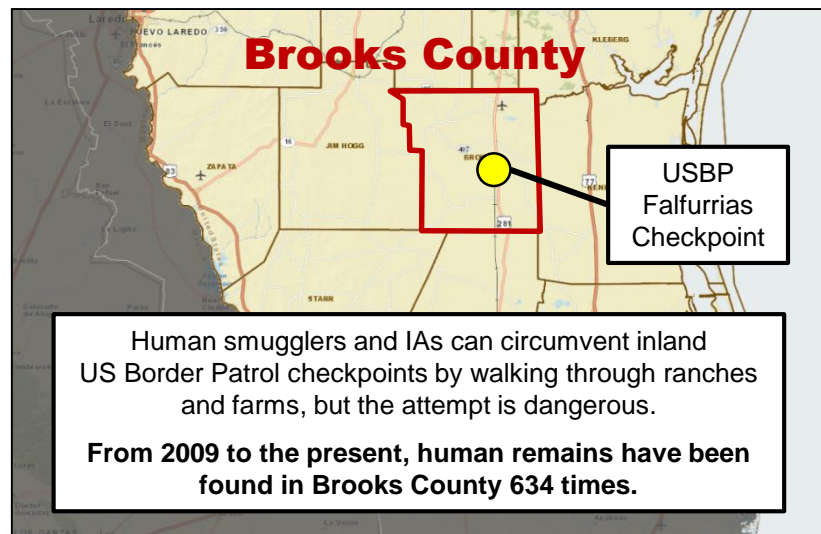


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	40,859	7,392	17,008	32,822	168,366	0	266,447

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2018	31,860	3,795	9,830	10,837	138,510	0	194,832

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 10 NOV, USBP Agents seized 283.16 lbs of marijuana and apprehended an IA on a ranch northwest of Valentine. Five additional subjects absconded. The marijuana was found in five large burlap backpacks. The IA and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.



On 10 NOV, USBP seized a black 2008 Ford F-150 pickup and apprehended two USC human smugglers at an inn in Marfa, and five IAs on a ranch attempting to circumvent the US-67 Checkpoint. The vehicle was seized.

MARFA SECTOR

On 20 NOV, USBP seized 284.15 lbs of marijuana and apprehended two IAs on a ranch northwest of Valentine. One of the subjects was a Paisas gang member. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.



On 13 NOV, Presidio Co SO Deputies, assisted by USBP, recovered a vehicle and multiple firearms that had been stolen by IAs from a ranch northeast of Candelaria. USBP apprehended four IAs, and three additional subjects absconded. One of the IAs was an MS-13 gang member. The subjects were referred to Presidio Co SO.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 01 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2012 Chevrolet Silverado pickup on FM 186 in Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The suspect vehicle crashed through a ranch fence, then exited on Waldrum Road. USBP Agents assisted, but the vehicle was not located.

On 06 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch west of Catarina regarding two suspicious subjects. The Deputy detained two IAs, who were processed by USBP.

On 09 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy observed a white 2013 Ford F-150 pickup on US-83. A check on the vehicle's LPs indicated that they belonged to a gray pickup. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, when a pursuit ensued. The pickup was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. USBP Agents arrived on scene to assist. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 09 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2014 Toyota Tundra pickup on US-83 near Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle had numerous indicators of having been used to smuggle IAs, such as back windows that had been spray-painted black, missing rear seats, and muddy footprints in the rear seat area. The vehicle, which had false LPs, was reported stolen from San Antonio, and was impounded.



On 11 NOV, a Kinney Co SO Deputy detained two subjects on a ranch near US-277, west of Spofford. USBP Agents assisted and apprehended the two IAs.

On 12 NOV, a USBP Agent encountered two IAs walking on a ranch south of US-277 in Del Rio. A juvenile IA was identified as the guide/human smuggler.

On 23 NOV, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2011 Ford F-150 pickup on FM 133, east of Catarina. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Austin, was impounded.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 18 NOV, USBP Agents observed a white 2010 Ford F-150 pickup on FM 2367 in Carrizo Springs that sped away as the Agents approached. The Agents conducted a stop on the vehicle on US-277 near FM 517. The vehicle initially stopped, but then sped away a second time and crashed through a ranch fence. The vehicle was located abandoned. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy responded to assist, and recovered the vehicle. The vehicle was impounded.

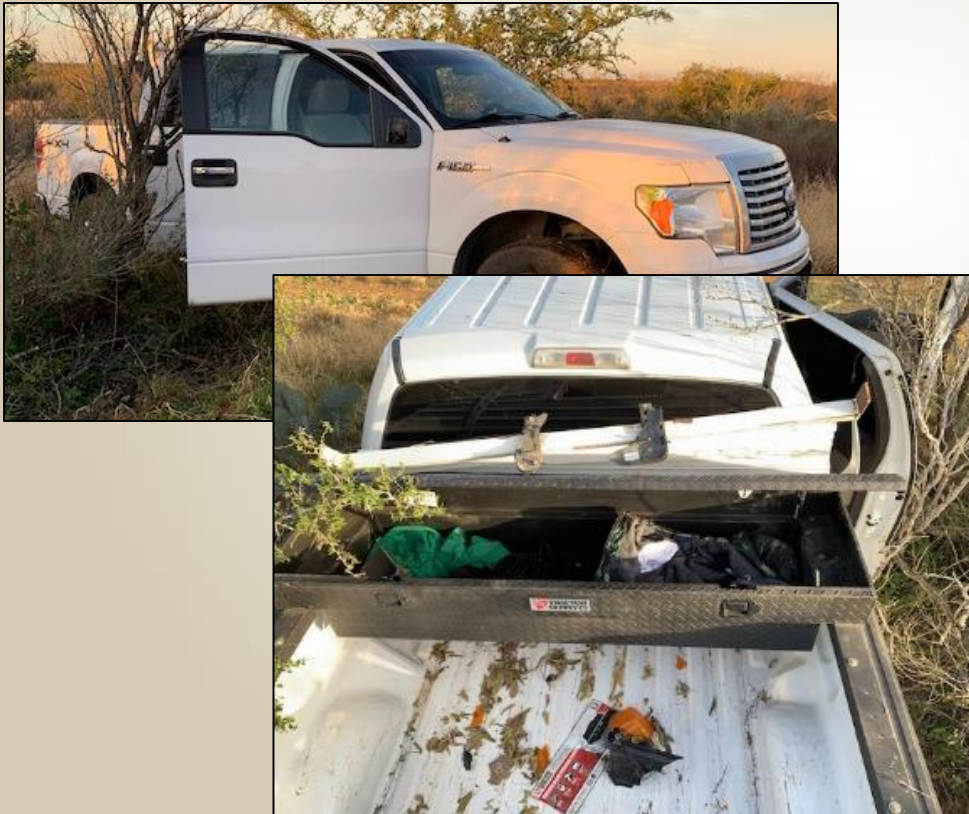


On 19 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2009 Ford F-150 pickup on FM 186 in Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. USBP Agents responded to assist. The vehicle crashed through multiple ranch fences off CR 101 near Carrizo Springs, and all of the occupants bailed out. A search of the area resulted in the apprehension of three IAs. The vehicle was impounded.

On 19 NOV, a Crockett Co SO Deputy was dispatched regarding a group of subjects who had been chased off a property near SH-163 in Ozona. The Deputy found subjects who were later identified as two IAs hiding under a bridge. The IAs were referred to USBP.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 27 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2010 Ford F-150 pickup on FM 133, east of Catarina. The pickup was driven through a ranch fence and several subjects bailed out. The Deputy found a subject inside the tool box, and USBP Agents found eight additional subjects in the area. The driver absconded. The Agents processed the nine IAs, and the Deputy impounded the vehicle.



DEL RIO SECTOR



On 26 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2014 Dodge Charger on FM 133, near Catarina. The vehicle initially stopped, but then a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a ranch fence and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle had multiple indicators of having been used for human smuggling: a back window was spray-painted black, the LPs did not match the vehicle, the VIN plates/tags had been tampered with, and it was reported stolen out of San Antonio. The vehicle was impounded pending disposition.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 01 NOV, THP Troopers responded to reports of a 2018 Ford F-150 pickup on a ranch near San Diego. The vehicle, which was stolen from Harris Co, was recovered.

On 03 NOV, Duval Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white 2015 Ford F-150 pickup on SH-339 near Ramirez, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through several ranch fences and gates. The driver bailed out and absconded into the brush. The vehicle was recovered, but no apprehensions were made.

On 14 NOV, Laredo North USBP Agents conducted a vehicle stop on a gray 2017 Ford F-250 pickup, after observing the vehicle on SH-44 being loaded with 15 subjects near Encinal. The vehicle failed to yield, and the vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The vehicle, which was found abandoned and was reported stolen from San Antonio, was referred to Encinal PD.

On 22 NOV, Freer USBP Agents conducted a vehicle stop on a white 1999 Ford F-350 pickup on SH-44 west of Freer. The vehicle failed to yield, and was found abandoned on a ranch. The vehicle, which was identified as stolen from San Antonio, was referred to Webb Co SO.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 07 NOV, a Los Fresnos PD Officer was dispatched to take a report from an individual about a stolen 2013 John Deere tractor.

On 09 NOV, a Palmview PD Officer assisted USBP Agents with the apprehension and detention of 29 IAs in the vicinity of a farm. USBP Agents assumed custody of the subjects.

On 10 NOV, Mission PD Officers assisted USBP with detention of nine IAs at a farm. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 11 NOV, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch on the south side of SH-285 regarding a deceased person. The female body was transported to the Webb Co Medical Examiner.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 22 NOV, Rio Grande City USBP Agents seized 356.04 lbs of marijuana in La Rosita. The Agents observed subjects load bundles into a Ford Expedition and conducted a traffic stop, when the vehicle failed to yield. The driver bailed out after driving through a farm fence. The driver and several occupants absconded. The Agents found the marijuana in the vehicle. DEA assumed custody of the narcotics.



On 23 NOV, Weslaco USBP Agents seized 327.93 lbs of marijuana. The Agents responded to subjects carrying bundles near Donna. The Agents approached two parked vehicles belonging to field workers and observed two bundles in a back seat. Four additional bundles were discovered in another vehicle. The vehicles, which were determined to have been abandoned, were seized. DEA assumed custody of the marijuana.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 27 NOV, a Hidalgo Co Constable Pct. 3 Deputy detained 44 IAs in a farm area in Mission. USBP assumed custody of the IAs.

On 27 NOV, Rio Grande City USBP Agents seized 302.03 lbs of marijuana near Rio Grande City. The Agents observed a 1999 Ford pickup that, when approached, was driven across an open field and rolled over. The marijuana was found in the vehicle. DEA assumed custody of the subject and narcotics.



COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 03 NOV, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy was dispatched regarding an abandoned vehicle on a ranch, and located a white 2007 GMC pickup in the brush. The vehicle was identified as stolen from San Antonio.

On 26 NOV, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2015 Chevrolet Silverado C-1500 pickup near US-77 in Kenedy Co. The vehicle matched the description in a BOLO that had reported a vehicle towing a trailer with a stolen 2015 Polaris Razor ATV. The Trooper located the ATV and a 2000 U-Haul trailer, both stolen from Houston. The vehicles were seized, and the subject was arrested for a warrant and the two thefts of property.

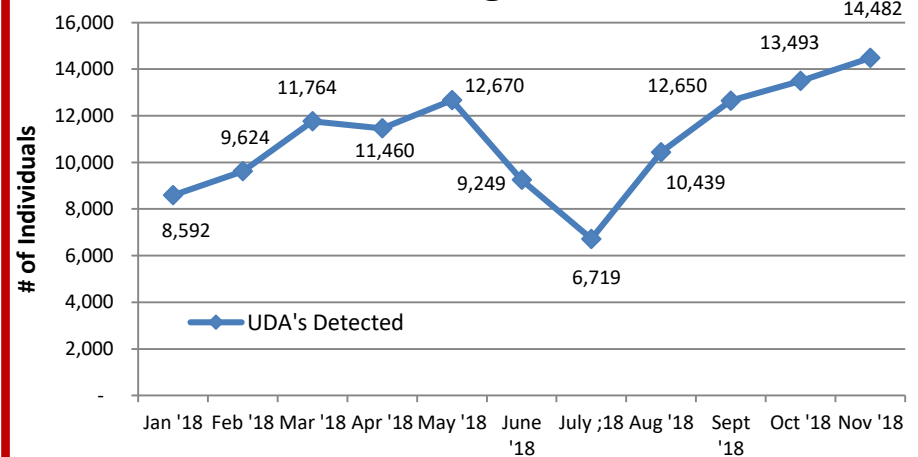


Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	100	705	448	1,788	626	3,670
Bailouts	5	112	895	865	1,642	612	4,131

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





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