

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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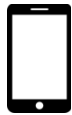
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.

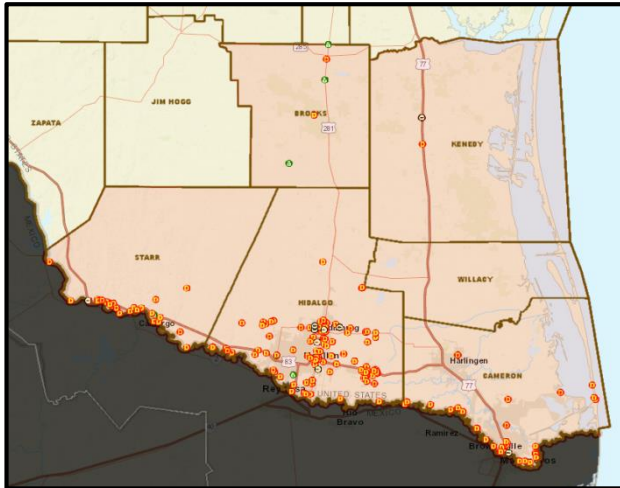
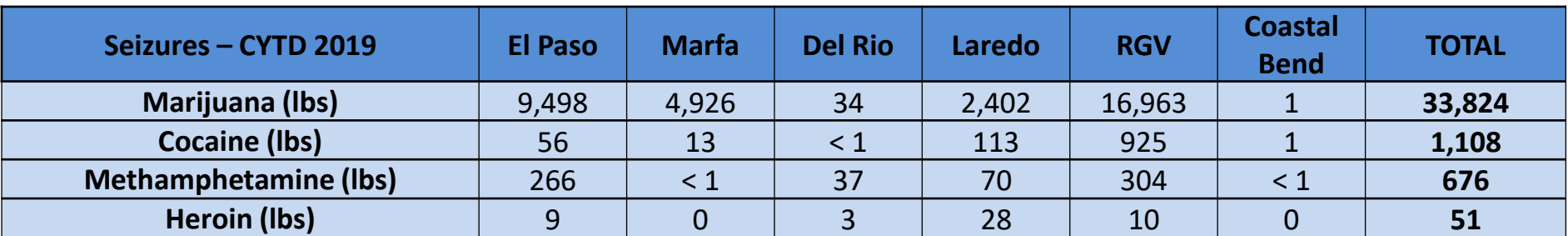


You may use the [Texas DPS iWatch](#) to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal or terrorist activity, such as drug smuggling, human smuggling, oil field thefts, and other criminal activity. Every report will be reviewed by analysts. You may also contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972,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



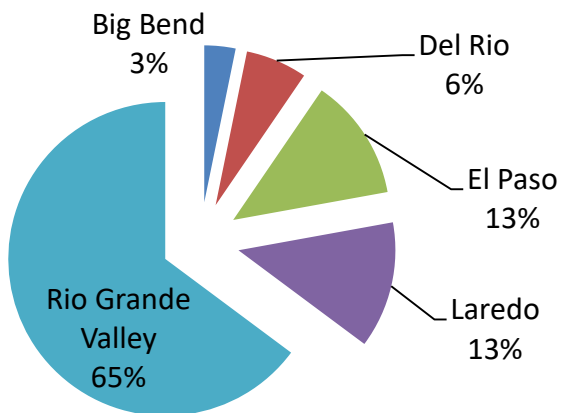
OPERATION BORDER STAR

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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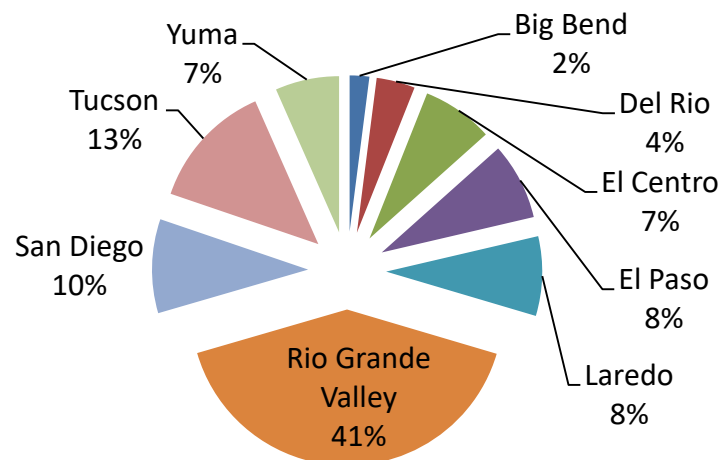




**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2018 (OCT-SEP)**



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

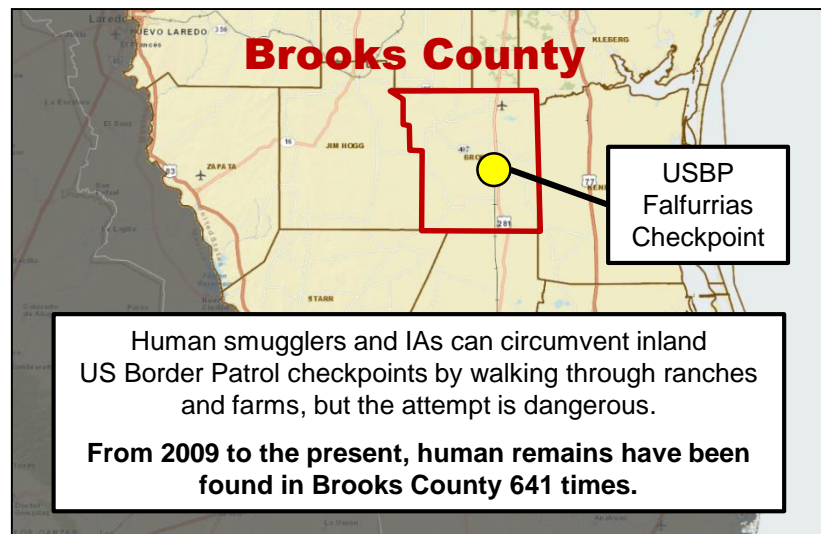


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	7,496	664	2,812	2,750	19,473	0	33,195

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	6,813	427	2,014	731	17,185	0	27,170

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



EI PASO SECTOR

On 04 JAN, the Lordsburg Station received a call from a group of hunters stating that they had found abandoned backpacks. The USBP Agents responded and located four bundles containing a total of 136.60 lbs of marijuana.



MARFA SECTOR

On 06 JAN, a Brewster Co SO Deputy detained six IAs at a ranch headquarters east of Fort Davis.

On 11 JAN, a USBP Agent encountered five subjects with burlap sacks on a ranch south of Van Horn. The subjects absconded, leaving behind 231.65 lbs of marijuana. The narcotics were referred to DEA.



On 13 JAN, USBP Agents encountered seven subjects hiding in the brush on a ranch east of Van Horn. The Agents identified seven IAs, one of whom was also identified as a human smuggler.

MARFA SECTOR

On 15 JAN, Brewster Co SO Deputies seized a total of 286 lbs of marijuana in five large backpacks and detained five IAs on a ranch southeast of Alpine. The subjects were transported to Brewster Co Jail.

On 17 JAN, USBP Agents seized 226.75 lbs of marijuana in four large burlap backpacks and apprehended four IAs on a ranch north of Candelaria. The guide was a Mexican Mafia gang member. The subjects and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.



On 17 JAN, a Brewster Co SO Deputy, following up on a previous investigation, returned to a ranch west of Alpine and seized 55 lbs of marijuana from a burlap backpack that had been concealed in the brush.

MARFA SECTOR

On 20 JAN, USBP Agents seized 226.23 lbs of marijuana and apprehended an IA on a ranch northwest of Marfa. Three additional subjects absconded. The marijuana was found in four large burlap backpacks. The subject and marijuana were referred to Alpine DEA.



On 23 JAN, Presidio Co SO received information of human remains that had been found on a ranch southwest of Fort Davis. The information was referred to Jeff Davis Co SO, as the remains were found to be in their jurisdiction. The remains were sent to a funeral home pending autopsy.



On 28 JAN, USBP Agents seized 0.12 lbs of marijuana that had been found abandoned on a ranch northeast of Marathon. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

DEL RIO SECTOR

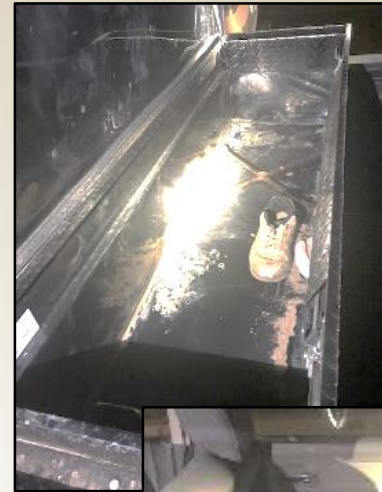
On 05 JAN, a TPWD Game Warden detained an IA in a building on a ranch west of Brackettville. The IA was processed by USBP.



On 07 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2012 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup on SH-85, east of Carrizo Springs. The vehicle failed to yield, and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence west of Brundage, and the occupants bailed out. USBP Agents apprehended eight IAs, but the driver absconded. The vehicle, which had fictitious license plates, was reported stolen from San Antonio. The IAs were processed, and the Deputy impounded the vehicle.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 08 JAN, the Dimmit Co SO Sheriff and a Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2012 Dodge Ram pickup in Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed at a ranch near the Nueces River, and the occupants bailed out. With the assistance of USBP Agents and CBP/OAM, nine IAs were apprehended, but four additional subjects absconded, including the driver. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Round Rock, had fictitious license plates and a fictitious registration sticker. The vehicle was impounded by Dimmit Co SO.



On 08 JAN, USBP Agents conducted an inspection on a white 2019 Ford F-250 pickup in Catarina, when the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle crashed near a ranch on FM 2688, and multiple subjects bailed out. Seven IAs, including a male subject with a broken leg and a female subject with a broken arm, were treated medically before being processed. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Randolph Co, AR, was impounded by Dimmit Co SO.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 08 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2013 Ford F-250 pickup east of Catarina, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out. USBP Agents searched the area, and found 16 IAs hiding in the brush. The driver absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen from Austin. The Agents processed the IAs, and the Deputy impounded the vehicle.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 12 JAN, USBP Agents were advised of a white 2018 Ford F-250 pickup that had been reported stolen from San Antonio and was possibly involved in human smuggling. An Agent observed the vehicle on FM 2988, west of Catarina, and conducted a traffic stop, when the vehicle failed to yield. The vehicle continued east, and the occupants bailed out along a ranch road. The vehicle was impounded.

On 12 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2006 Ford F-350 pickup on SH-85 east of Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the occupants bailed out and fled. USBP Agents searched the area, but the occupants absconded. The vehicle had a fictitious rear license plate, and the driver-door lock had been tampered with. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.

On 15 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2016 Ford F-150 pickup on SH-85 in Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and fled. A USBP Agent searched the area, but the subjects absconded. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Kyle, was impounded by the Deputy.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 17 JAN, a USBP Agent conducted a traffic stop on a black 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup in Catarina. The vehicle slowed down, but failed to yield.

After the vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, the Agent found it abandoned. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy responded and impounded the vehicle. The vehicle was identified as stolen from San Antonio.

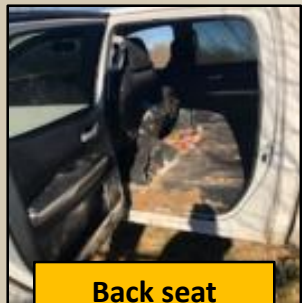


DEL RIO SECTOR

On 24 JAN, a USBP Agent found five IAs hiding in the brush on a ranch east of Catarina. The Agent identified one of the IAs as a registered sex offender. The subject was arrested for Reentry After Deportation, and the other IAs were processed.

On 22 JAN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2007 Ford F-150 pickup on FM 2522 east of Asherton, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Austin, was found abandoned after being driven through a ranch fence. The vehicle was impounded.

On 22 JAN, USBP Agents encountered 15 IAs on a ranch west of Comstock. One of the IAs was identified as a guide/human smuggler and arrested. The other IAs were processed.



Back seat
removed

On 20 JAN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2015 Toyota Tundra pickup on SH-85, east of Carrizo Springs, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence near SH-85, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, had fictitious license plates and a fictitious registration sticker. The Deputy seized \$100 USD and impounded the vehicle.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 25 JAN, USBP Agents responded to a call from a concerned citizen on a ranch near FM 186, southwest of Asherton, regarding two subjects who were crossing the property. The Agents located the subjects, who absconded into the brush.

The Agents inspected two backpacks and a duffel bag that the subjects had dropped and found seven rifles, six shotguns, four handguns, 140 rds of ammo, five knives, \$136 USD, 135 gold coins of various types, jewelry, and an Apple iPad. ATF was contacted and will be investigating the firearms seizure.

All of the recovered property was referred to Dimmit Co SO.



DEL RIO SECTOR



On 25 JAN, USBP Agents were dispatched to a ranch in Del Rio regarding a rancher who had seen a group of subjects.

DPS AVN assisted and located several subjects hiding in the brush. The Agents apprehended seven IAs.

On 24 JAN, USBP Agents and DPS AVN found several subjects hiding in the brush on a ranch in Del Rio. The Agents detained six IAs.

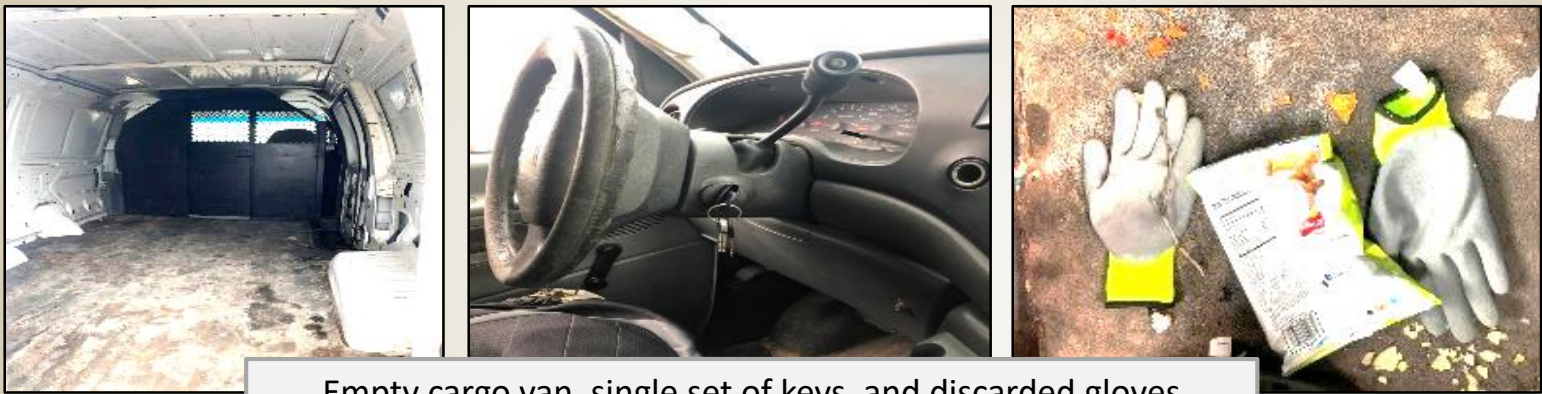
A juvenile IA was identified as the guide/human smuggler.



On 27 JAN, a USBP Agent found six IAs who were hiding in the brush on a ranch near US-277 west of Spofford. One of the subjects, who is a registered sex offender, was arrested for Reentry After Deportation, and the other IAs were processed.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 31 JAN, a USBP Agent received information that a concerned citizen had seen a white 2004 Ford E350 with 20 suspected IAs on FM 186 south of Carrizo Springs. On Burns Rd., south of Carrizo Springs, the Agents found a damaged ranch gate. From the gate, they followed fresh tire tracks and located the van abandoned on a ranch. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy arrived on the scene to assist. The Deputy notified THP about the vehicle.



Empty cargo van, single set of keys, and discarded gloves

On 29 JAN, a Zavala Co Constable conducted a traffic stop on a gold 2011 Toyota RAV4 on FM 117 in Batesville, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle stopped at a ranch gate along FM 117, south of Batesville, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The Constable detained two passengers. A Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to assist. The vehicle had fictitious license plates, and was reported stolen from San Antonio. The Deputy impounded the vehicle, and the adult passenger was questioned and released with her child.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 07 JAN, Laredo West USBP Agents approached a 2012 Ford F-250 pickup traveling on US-83 near Laredo. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was later found abandoned. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Austin, was recovered by Webb Co SO.

On 07 JAN, La Salle Co SO Deputies assisted USBP Agents in the recovery of a 2013 Ford F-150 pickup that had been involved in a bailout at a ranch near Cotulla. The vehicle was reported stolen from Austin. No apprehensions were made.

On 17 JAN, Laredo North USBP Agents responded to reports of an abandoned 2014 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup on a ranch near Laredo. The vehicle was reported stolen from Webb Co.

On 22 JAN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford F-150 pickup, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle came to a stop after being driven through two ranch fences in south Laredo, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen from Austin.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 22 JAN, Laredo North USBP Agents observed a Chevrolet pickup near a ranch in Laredo. The Agents conducted a traffic stop, and after the vehicle failed to yield, it was involved in a collision. The Agents seized 695.30 lbs of marijuana from the vehicle. The driver and passenger were arrested. The marijuana and subjects were referred to DEA.



On 31 JAN, Cotulla USBP Agents near FM 133 in Catarina engaged in a pursuit of a gray 2016 Dodge Ram 3500 pickup that was stolen from San Antonio. When the vehicle stopped near a ranch, the occupants bailed out and absconded into the brush. The vehicle was seized by Dimmit Co SO.

On 31 JAN, THP Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-250 pickup on SH-44 near Encinal. The vehicle was driven through a ranch gate, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was identified as stolen from San Antonio.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 08 JAN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in central Brooks Co regarding human skeletal remains and several personal effects that had been discovered by USBP.

On 13 JAN, Weslaco USBP Agents seized 46 lbs of marijuana near a ranch in the vicinity of Pharr. A search of the area with a K-9 yielded the narcotics and a subject. DEA assumed custody of the narcotics but declined prosecution of the subject.



On 15 JAN, Peñitas PD Officers detained 39 IAs walking by a farm property. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 19 JAN, a Palmview PD Officer detained five IAs walking by a farm property on Military Road. The subjects were referred to USBP.

On 20 JAN, a Rio Grande City PD Officer seized 69.50 lbs of marijuana following a call to a ranch.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY



On 19 JAN, Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 46.52 lbs of marijuana. The Agents responded to a report of two suspects hiding in a corn field near Brownsville, apprehended two subjects, and seized the marijuana. DEA assumed custody of the subjects and narcotics.

On 23 JAN, a Peñitas PD Officer detained 13 IAs on a farm property. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 28 JAN, DPS AVN assisted Falfurrias USBP Agents with the apprehension and detention of 13 IAs. DPS AVN found the IAs hiding in the brush on a ranch in western Brooks Co. USBP assumed custody of the 13 IAs.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 07 JAN, a Bee Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a red Chrysler 300 by a ranch road in Beeville and seized 0.125 lbs of marijuana. The driver and passenger were arrested, and the vehicle was seized.

On 11 JAN, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy assisted Three Rivers PD Officers with the pursuit of a red 2006 Ford F-250 pickup near US-281. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was stopped after being driven through a ranch fence. The driver was identified as an IA and referred to USBP.

On 15 JAN, Live Oak Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2013 Ford F-150 pickup near George West, when a pursuit ensued. The driver crashed into a high fence, bailed out, and absconded. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was recovered. No apprehensions were made.

On 30 JAN, THP Troopers conducted a traffic stop on US-59 in George West on a 2015 Dodge Ram pickup that was reported stolen from San Antonio, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and into the brush. The driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was seized.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	3	104	735	459	1,833	631	3,765
Bailouts	5	114	933	879	1,673	620	4,224

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



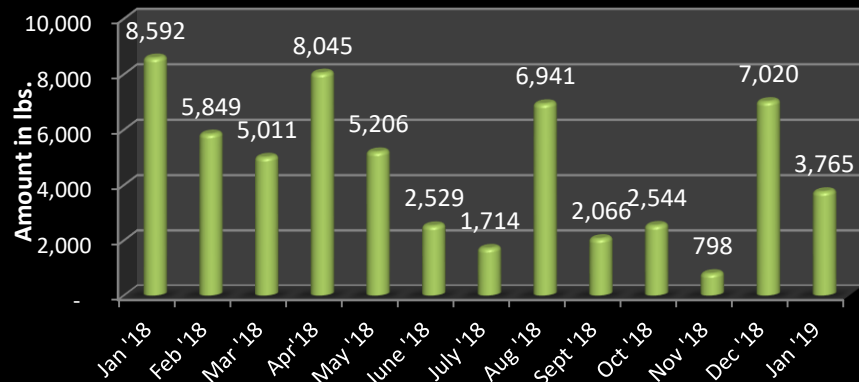


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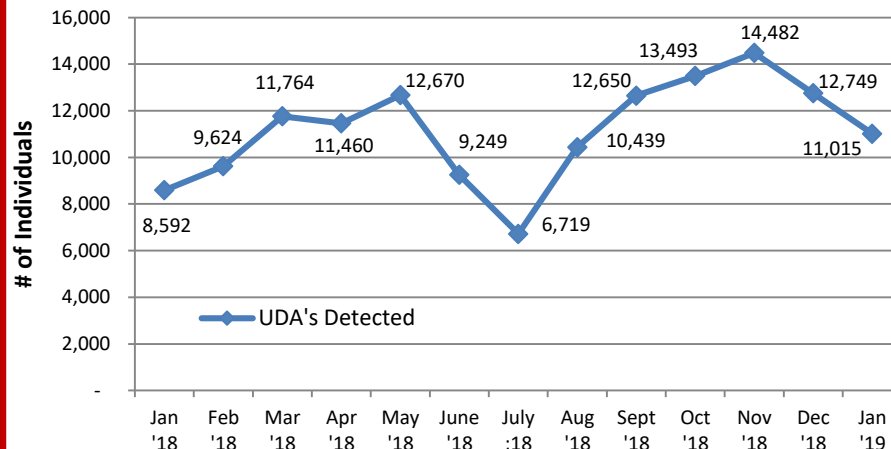
Statistical Summary – JAN 2019



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Drawbridge Stats



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 – JAN 2019

Detections	493,084
Marijuana Seized	497,978 lbs (>248 tons)
Cocaine Seized	510 lbs
Methamphetamine Seized	30 lbs
Heroin Seized	2 lbs
Firearms Seized	37

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2019

Detections	11,015
Narcotics Seized	3,765 lbs

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



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