

# **Border Operations Sector Assessment**

South Texas  
Ranch Edition

**May  
2020**

**REPORTING PERIOD:  
01-31 MAY 2020**



# 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 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.

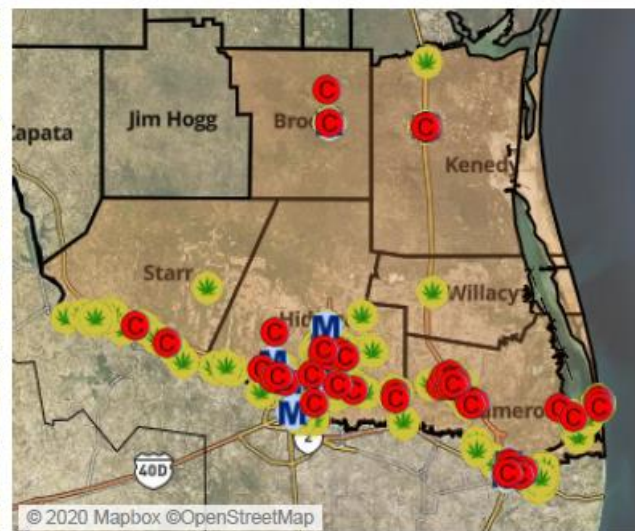
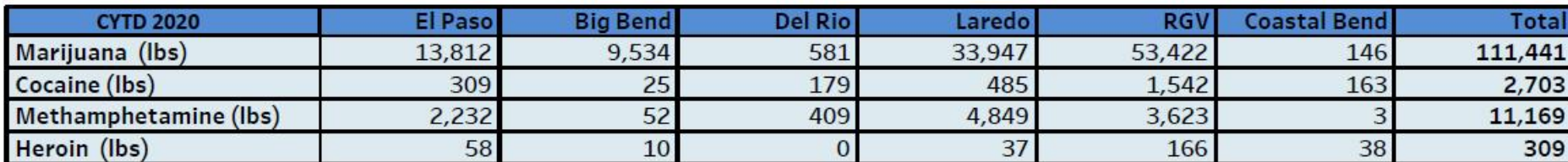
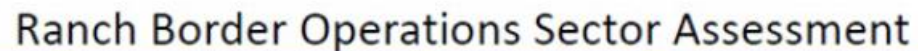


You may use the [Texas DPS iWatch](#) to report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal or terrorist activity, such as drug smuggling, human smuggling, oil field thefts, and other criminal activity. Every report will be reviewed by analysts. You may also contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972,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



## OPERATION BORDER STAR

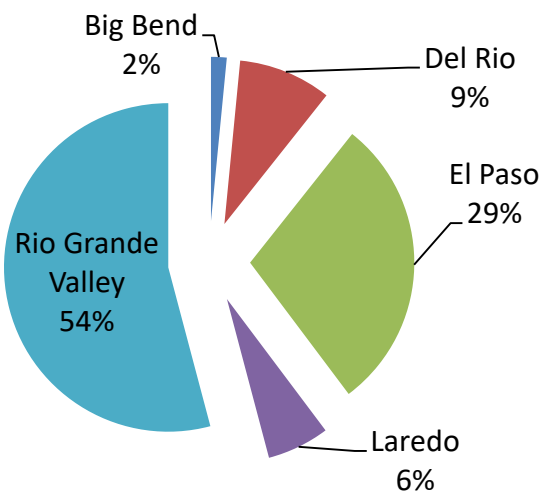
JOIC Contact Information	Border Security Ops Ctr (Austin)	El Paso JOIC (El Paso)	Big Bend JOIC (Marfa)	Del Rio Sector (Del Rio)	Laredo Sector (Laredo)	Rio Grande Valley Sector (McAllen)	Coastal Bend Sector (Victoria)
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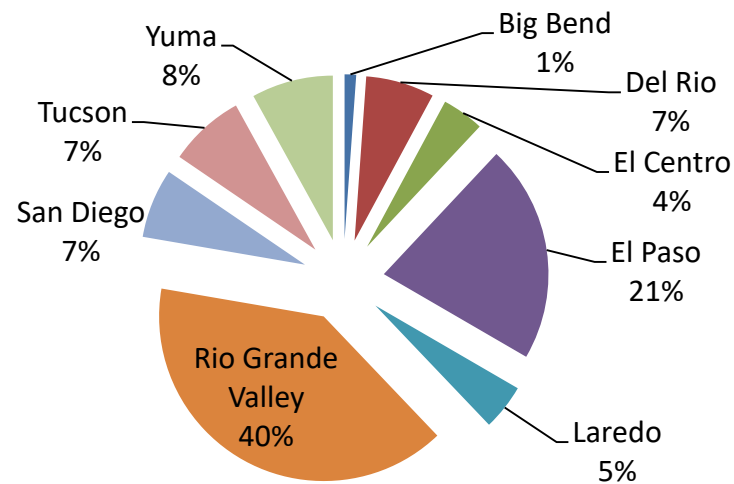
Maps depict narcotics seizures during the respective reporting month



## Texas Border Sector Apprehensions FY2019 (OCT-SEP)



## Southwest Border Sector Apprehensions FY2019 (OCT-SEP)

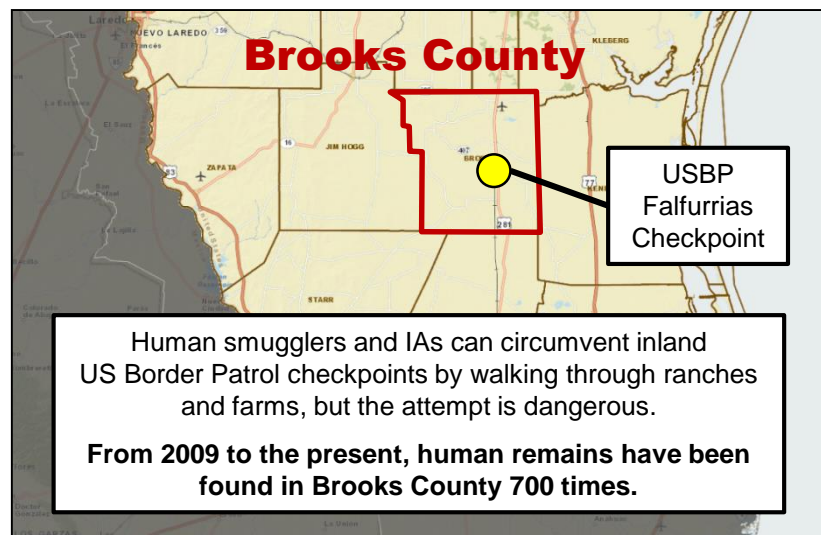


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2020	11,720	1,926	11,494	17,061	27,360	--	69,561

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2020	7,312	963	5,293	3,251	15,440	--	32,259

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2019	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015
Texas Border	57,603	34,383	31,827	47,192	31,109



# EI PASO SECTOR



On 12 MAY, USBP Agents found muddy footprints leading away from the pedestrian fence north of the River, east of the Tornillo POE. The Agents followed the footprints into a pecan orchard, where they found two juvenile subjects attempting to conceal themselves and seized two large backpacks containing a total of 105.20 lbs of marijuana.

# BIG BEND SECTOR

On 13 MAY, a Brewster Co SO Deputy detained 11 IAs on a ranch south of Marathon. The subjects were referred to USBP and processed.

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On 16 MAY, a Brewster Co SO Deputy received notification of a group of suspected IAs on a ranch near FM 2627, south of Marathon. USBP was notified and responded to the area. A total of 11 IAs were apprehended. The subjects were processed.

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On 17 MAY, a Brewster Co SO Deputy received notification of a group of suspected IAs on a ranch south of Alpine. Brewster Co SO and USBP apprehended two IAs. An additional six subjects absconded. The subjects were processed.

# DEL RIO SECTOR



On 11 MAY, USBP Agents inspected a Dodge pickup south of Carrizo Springs, when the vehicle failed to yield. DPS AVN assisted and found the vehicle after it had been driven through a ranch fence and abandoned. AVN guided the Agents and Dimmit Co SO Deputies to five IAs. The vehicle was impounded.

On 15 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy observed a Chevrolet Tahoe traveling in tandem with a 2003 Ford Expedition west of Carrizo Springs. Four camouflaged subjects ran from the brush and entered the Expedition when it stopped. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Expedition, and a second Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Tahoe. A pursuit ensued with the Expedition, which was driven through a ranch fence. The driver and the four subjects bailed out and absconded. The Expedition was impounded. The Deputy later learned that USBP Agents had apprehended the camouflaged subjects, who were identified as four IAs.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 16 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy responded to assist USBP Agents with an inspection of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe in Carrizo Springs. The Agents indicated that, upon the initial stop, several subjects had bailed out and absconded into a pasture. A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of drug paraphernalia, scales, and a baggie with methamphetamine residue. The driver was issued a citation, and the vehicle was impounded.



On 25 MAY, a USBP Agent inspected a 2017 Dodge Ram pickup on FM 468. The vehicle was displaying a license plate from another vehicle. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was later found abandoned. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy assisted. The vehicle, which was stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 25 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy observed an orange 2005 Chevrolet Cavalier driving in tandem with a white 2001 Ford F-250 pickup.

The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Ford on US-57, east of La Pryor, when a pursuit ensued. The Ford was driven through a ranch fence, and the driver bailed out. The Ford was identified as stolen from Bulverde. The Deputy secured the Ford and returned to his patrol unit.

Upon reaching the highway, the Deputy observed the driver of the Ford attempting to flag down the Chevrolet. A second Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Chevrolet and seized four syringes, two of which contained a total of 0.001 lbs of heroin. The second Deputy arrested the driver of the Chevrolet for possession of a controlled substance and for an Austin warrant for violation of probation. It was determined that the Chevrolet was the scout vehicle for the Ford. The first Deputy arrested the driver of the Ford for theft of property and evading arrest. Both vehicles were impounded.

# DEL RIO SECTOR

On 26 MAY, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2014 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup on FM 190 in Carrizo Springs. The vehicle was driven into the brush on a ranch, and the driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio and was displaying a fictitious license plate, was impounded.

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On 29 MAY, a Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch on US-83, south of La Pryor, regarding a rancher who had encountered a suspicious subject. The Deputy detained an IA, who was referred to USBP and processed.

# LAREDO SECTOR

On 07 MAY, a Webb Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a property in Rio Bravo for possible IAs hiding there. The Deputy made contact with a USBP Agent, entered the property, and encountered five IAs. The subjects were referred to USBP.

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On 11 MAY, Freer USBP Agents encountered a maroon 2013 Dodge Ram pickup on a ranch near Freer. The vehicle, which was stolen from San Antonio, was recovered and referred to Webb Co SO.

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On 12 MAY, Frio Co SO Deputies assisted USBP Agents in responding to reports of a Drawbridge-camera activation near Pearsall. The Agents notified the Deputies that they had conducted a traffic stop on a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup near Pearsall. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and four subjects bailed out and fled into the brush, but were apprehended. The vehicle was seized.

# LAREDO SECTOR

On 23 MAY, a Frio Co SO Deputy received information from USBP regarding a silver 2015 Ford F-150 pickup being driven on CR 4425 in Dilley with people hiding in the bed of the truck. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and then back onto the road. The Deputy lost sight of the vehicle, but later located it abandoned. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

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On 25 MAY, a Webb Co Constable Pct. 3 Deputy conducted a search of an abandoned property in Mirando City and discovered three subjects hiding in a chicken pen. The subjects admitted to being in the country illegally. The three IAs were referred to USBP.

# LAREDO SECTOR

On 26 MAY, THP Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a 2019 Ford F-250 pickup near Benavides, when a pursuit ensued. The Troopers lost sight of the vehicle near CR 202, but resumed the pursuit on FM 1329. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and was found abandoned.

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On 30 MAY, Webb Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban in Laredo, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and fled. The Deputies detained seven IAs, who were referred to USBP.

# RIO GRANDE VALLEY



On 13 MAY, Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 49.80 lbs of marijuana. The Agents observed two subjects walking north from a ranch with bundles. The Agents apprehended the subjects and seized the bundles. The subjects and the narcotics were referred to THP Troopers.

# COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 07 MAY, a Gonzales Co SO Deputy was dispatched to CR 210 in Smiley after a caller reported having found an abandoned green 2015 Can-Am ATV on her property. The subject led the Deputy to the ATV, which was reported stolen from Hidalgo Co. The ATV was impounded.

On 23 MAY, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy assisted an Orange Grove PD Officer in locating a stolen white 2013 Dodge Ram pickup. The Deputy found the vehicle abandoned in a field. The owner was contacted to retrieve the vehicle.





## Total Pursuits and Bailouts – CYTD \*

Event	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	7	10	87	19	58	20	201
Bailouts	1	15	111	21	32	15	195

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

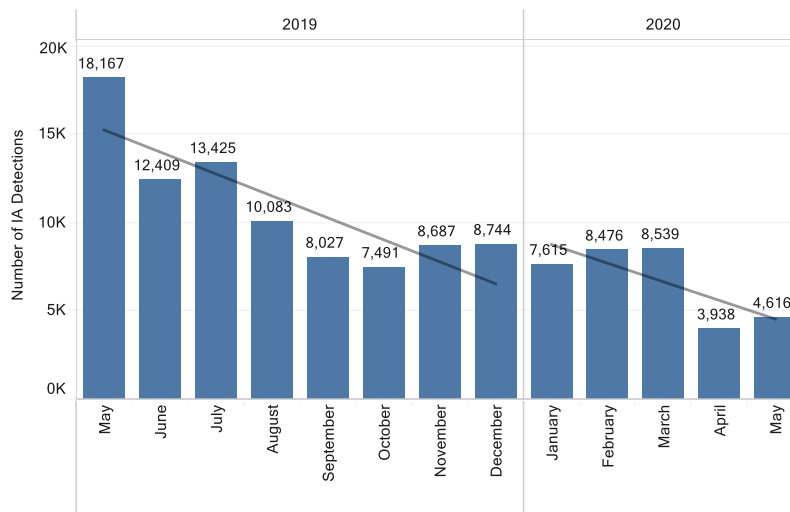




## Statistical Summary – MAY 2020



### Drawbridge IA Detections

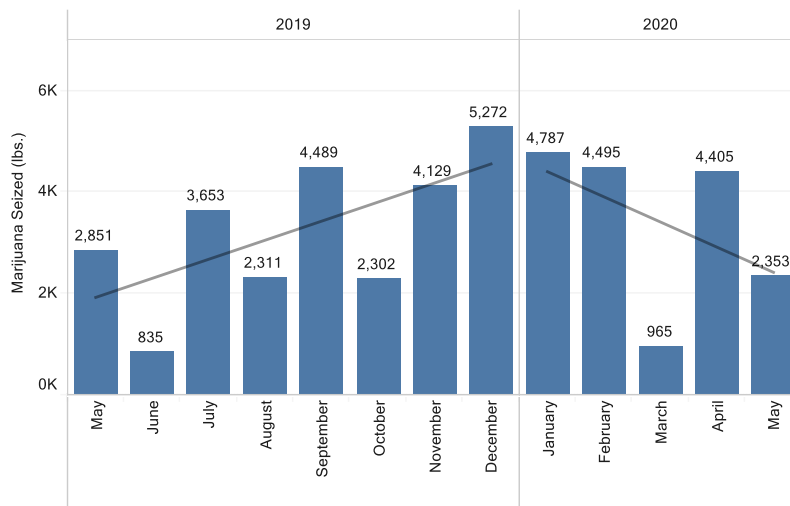


### Operation Drawbridge Totals: Fiscal YTD 2020\*

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	66,133
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	33,197
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	0
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0
Firearms Detected	5

\* Figures are based on initial reporting and are subject to change.  
\* Fiscal Year is defined as September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



### Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 - MAY 2020

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	666,696
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	551,965
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	549
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	32
Firearms Detected	53

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