

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

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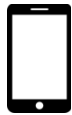
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The Ranch BOSA is a monthly overview of drug/human smuggling and other criminal activity in south and west Texas. The purpose of this report is to inform ranch owners of emerging trends and relevant incidents.

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.



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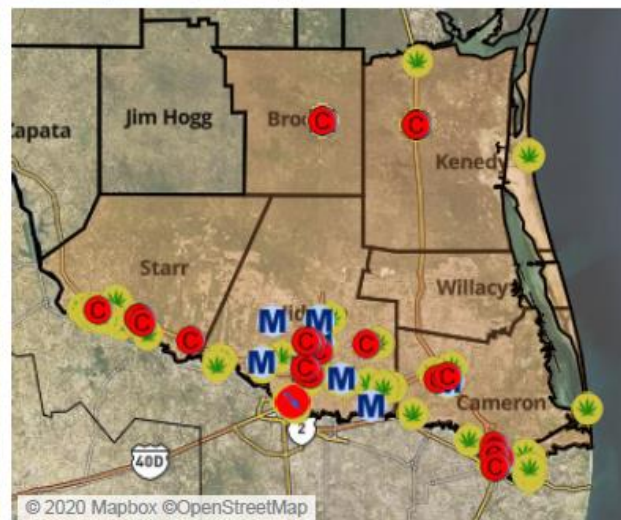
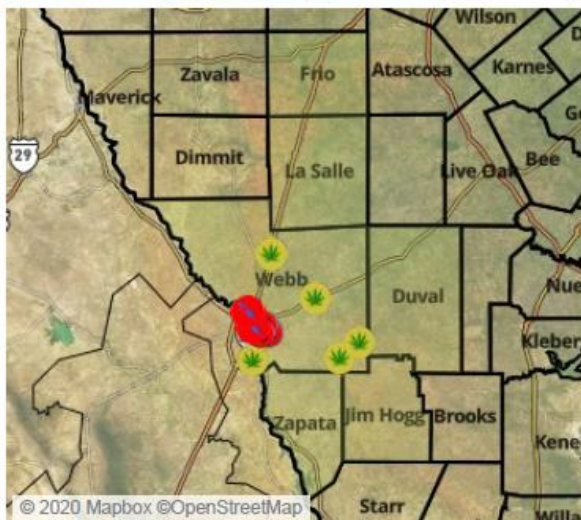
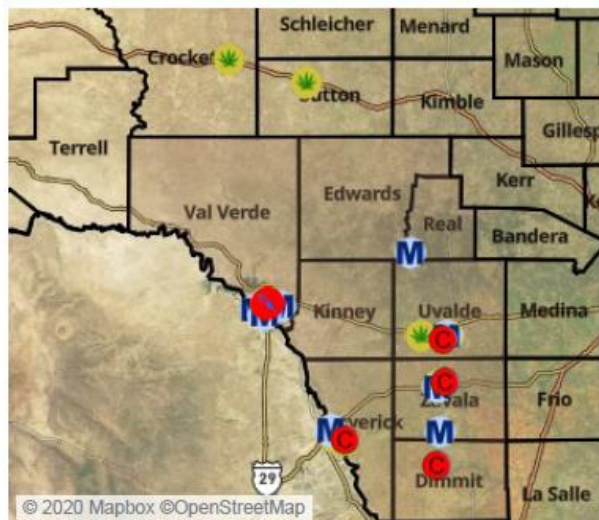
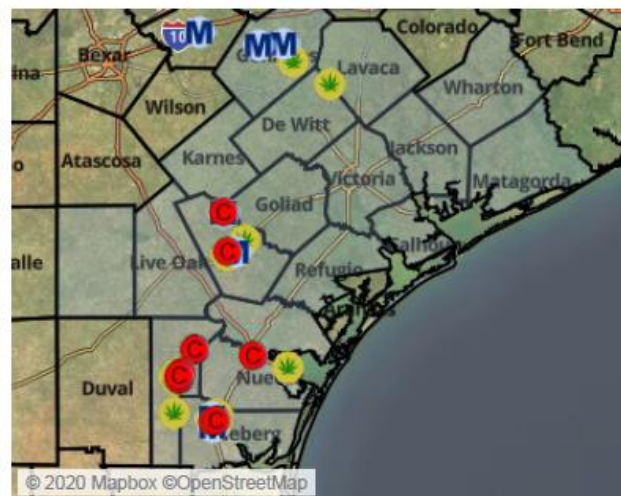
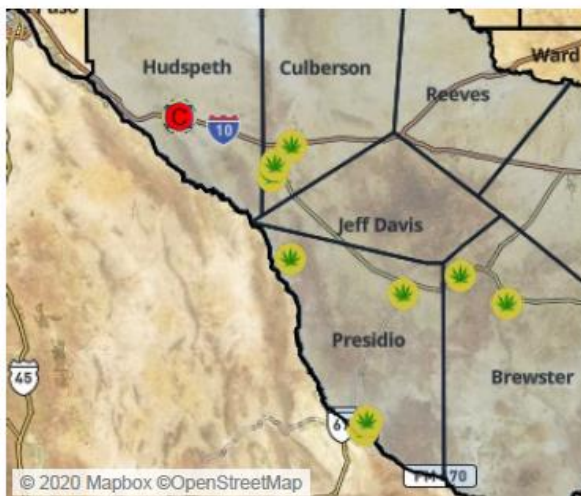
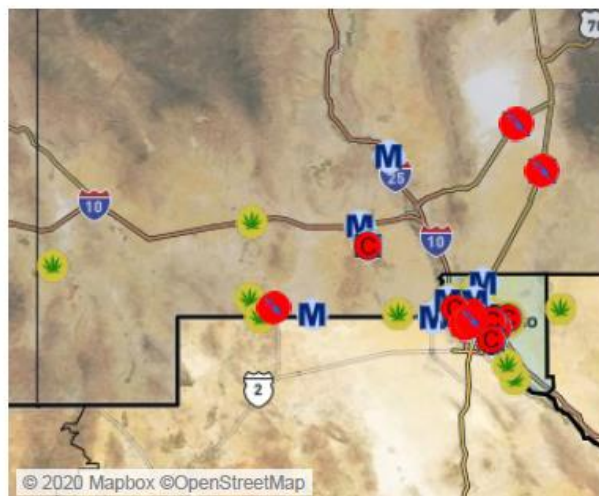
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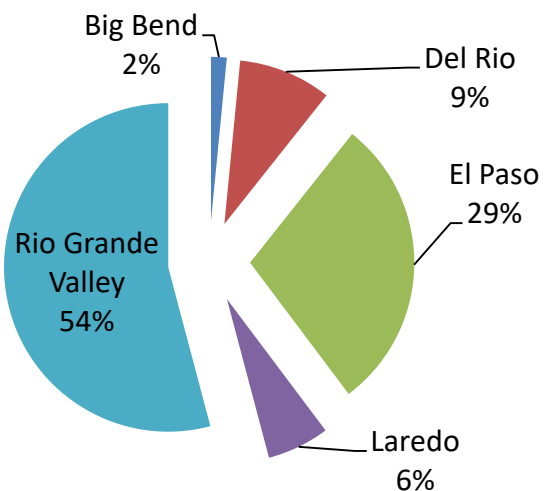
CYTD 2020	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	Total
Marijuana (lbs)	14,393	11,569	581	48,916	59,834	149	135,442
Cocaine (lbs)	444	25	179	493	1,833	177	3,150
Methamphetamine (lbs)	2,549	88	994	4,942	3,777	2	12,353
Heroin (lbs)	122	10	26	58	273	38	528



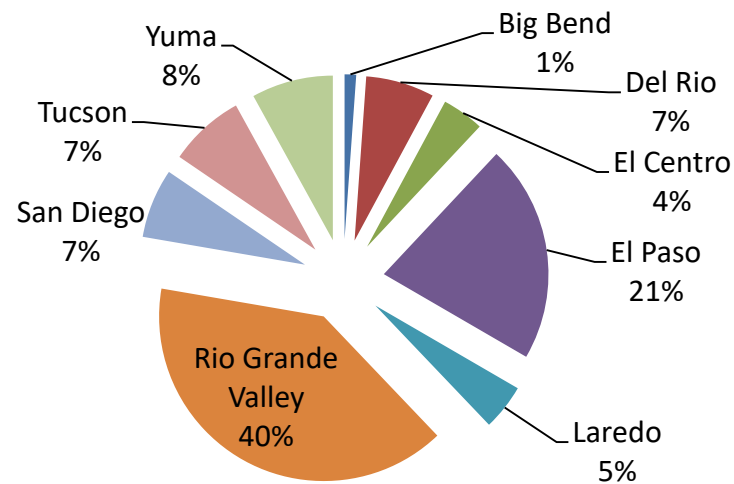
Maps depict narcotics seizures during the respective reporting month



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



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

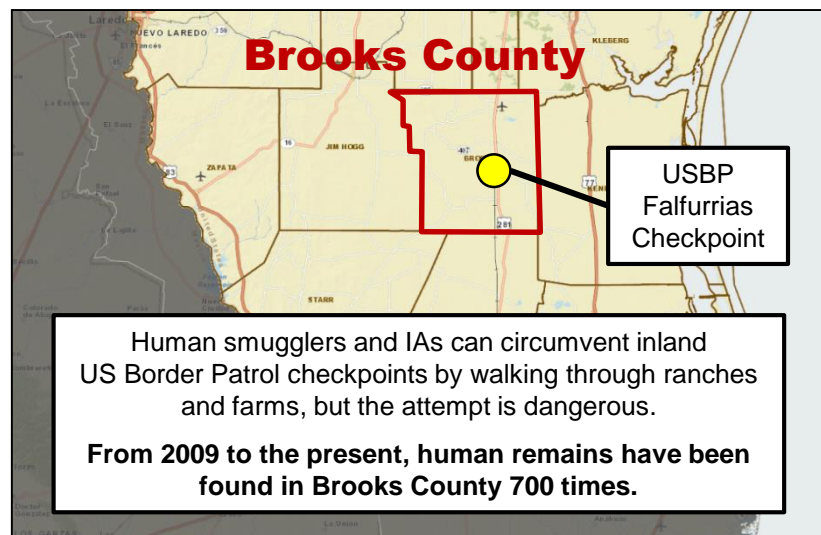


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2020	12,410	2,083	15,048	21,006	32,571	--	83,118

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2020	7,573	1,018	6,556	3,493	16,719	--	35,359

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 26 JUN, USBP Agents observed a trail leading north from the border fence approximately four miles west of the Tornillo POE. The Agents encountered two subjects concealing themselves in an abandoned horse stall approximately three quarters of a mile northeast of the entry point. One subject was observed sitting on two tape-wrapped packs fashioned with straps. Another subject was observed lying next to two additional packs. The packs contained individual, brick-like bundles wrapped in brown packaging tape. The bundles tested positive for a total of 93.17 lbs of marijuana. The marijuana and the subjects were referred to El Paso Co SO.



BIG BEND SECTOR

On 05 JUN, USBP Agents seized 227.10 lbs of marijuana that was found abandoned on a ranch south of IH-10, 5 miles east of Van Horn. Three subjects were observed carrying large backpacks. When approached, the subjects absconded south and abandoned the backpacks, which contained the marijuana. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 10 JUN, USBP Agents received information from a rancher who had observed four abandoned makeshift backpacks on a ranch north of Candelaria. The Agents seized 222.84 lbs of abandoned marijuana from the backpacks. Four subjects are believed to have absconded. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

On 13 JUN, USBP Agents, assisted by the US Department of Agriculture, seized a white 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, a white double horse trailer, and two racehorses and apprehended a human smuggler and an IA following a vehicle stop on US-67, 2 miles north of Presidio. One of the horses was of US origin, and the other was of Mexican origin. The vehicle and trailer were seized, and the horses were referred to USDA.

BIG BEND SECTOR

On 19 JUN, USBP Agents seized a silver 2011 Kia Sorento and apprehended a human smuggler and four IAs following a vehicle stop for an immigration inspection near a ranch on US-90, east of Dryden. The vehicle was seized, and the subjects were processed.

On 21 JUN, USBP Agents apprehended five IAs on a ranch road adjacent to US-90 near Valentine. The subjects advised the Agents that they had left another subject behind. The Agents back-tracked the foot sign of the group and found a deceased subject on a ranch. The guide of the group was later identified and was referred to Alpine HSI.

On 23 JUN, USBP Agents seized 284.20 lbs of marijuana that was found abandoned on a ranch south of Van Horn. The marijuana was found in five large burlap backpacks. Five subjects are believed to have absconded. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

On 24 JUN, USBP Agents apprehended four IAs on a ranch south of Van Horn. During a search of the IAs, the guide/human smuggler was identified and a hand-held radio and a knife were found on the subject. The foot guide was referred to Alpine HSI, and the remaining IAs were processed.

DEL RIO SECTOR



On 02 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2019 Dodge Ram pickup north of Asherton, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a commercial property, where it was driven into the brush and abandoned by two occupants. The license plate being displayed belonged to another vehicle. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from Hays Co, was impounded.

On 06 JUN, USBP Agents inspected a 2003 Ford F-350 pickup north of Asherton. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and was found abandoned. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy assisted and impounded the vehicle.

On 07 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy observed subjects walking north from the River near a ranch south of Brackettville. The Deputy guided USBP Agents to the subjects, who were identified as seven IAs and were referred to USBP.

On 07 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy observed two subjects crossing from Mexico near a ranch west of Spofford. The Deputy guided USBP Agents to the subjects. The Agents identified the subjects as two IAs.

DEL RIO SECTOR



On 09 JUN, a USBP Agent and CBP OAM found an abandoned 2016 GMC Sierra pickup in a creek on a ranch west of Catarina. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a records check and found that the vehicle was reported stolen from Houston. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 10 JUN, Uvalde PD Officers were informed by a concerned citizen that a white 2004 Dodge Ram pickup had struck a building and had then been driven away. An Officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle south of Uvalde, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle crashed through a ranch fence, and the driver bailed out. Another Officer apprehended the driver. The Officers found a GLOCK 17 .40 cal. handgun, two magazines, 29 rds of .40 cal. ammo, and a shotgun in the vehicle. The Officers later discovered that the driver had forced his way into a business. The Officers seized the weapons and accessories and charged the driver with evading arrest, unlawful possession of a firearm, and burglary of a building.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 18 JUN, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2009 Ford F-150 pickup east of La Pryor. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was found abandoned. The vehicle was not reported stolen.

On 19 JUN, DPS AVN was dispatched to assist USBP Agents with a search for a group of suspicious subjects on a ranch west of Catarina. AVN located five IAs hiding in the brush, but five additional subjects absconded. The Agents apprehended the subjects.

On 21 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2019 Ford F-250 pickup south of Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and was later found abandoned on another ranch west of Cotulla. USBP Agents searched the area, but the occupants had absconded. The vehicle's door lock showed signs of tampering, and the license plates and registration were from a different vehicle. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 23 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near US-90 regarding a possible break-in. The Deputy detained an IA outside a ranch house, and referred him to USBP.



On 28 JUN, a USBP Agent was dispatched to a ranch west of Del Rio regarding a Drawbridge alert and was advised that a rancher had chased two subjects to Mexico. Later, the Agent was dispatched to the ranch for another Drawbridge alert. This time, the rancher had found a backpack that had been abandoned by one of the subjects. The Agent seized 12.19 lbs of methamphetamine from the backpack and referred it to DEA.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 20 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2016 Ford F-150 pickup south of Spofford, when a pursuit ensued. Two of the occupants bailed out onto a ranch, and were detained by a Kinney Co SO Deputy. The vehicle stopped in Brackettville, where the remaining occupants bailed out and fled. The Trooper and USBP Agents detained the driver and three passengers, but an additional subject absconded. The five IAs and the USC driver/human smuggler were detained. The Agents arrested the driver for alien smuggling, and the Trooper impounded the vehicle.

On 24 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy assisted USBP Agents in locating a group of six IAs on a ranch near US-277.

On 24 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy assisted USBP Agents in locating a group of four IAs on a ranch near US-277.

On 28 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-150 pickup south of Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and was later found abandoned. The vehicle displayed a license plate that belonged to a Chevrolet S-10 pickup. The vehicle, which was reported stolen from San Antonio, was impounded.



LAREDO SECTOR

On 01 JUN, a Frio Co SO Deputy was advised of a silver 2015 Chevrolet Silverado pickup being driven at a high rate of speed on CR 4425 near Pearsall. The Deputy was then advised by USBP that they had located the vehicle on a ranch in Pearsall. The Deputy conducted a license-plate check on the vehicle, and discovered that Houston PD had reported it stolen.

On 03 JUN, Freer USBP Agents assisted Freer PD Officers and Duval Co SO Deputies with a traffic stop on a 2005 Ford F-350 pickup. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the occupants bailed out and absconded. The vehicle, which was stolen from San Antonio, was recovered.

On 05 JUN, an Encinal PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a white 2011 Chevrolet CK 2500 pickup on IH-35, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was later found abandoned. The vehicle was impounded.

On 10 JUN, an Encinal PD Officer received a call from a complainant who stated that there were two subjects at the gate to her property. The Officer encountered two subjects who were attempting to flag down vehicles along the highway. The Officer detained the subjects, who were identified as IAs, and referred them to USBP.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 11 JUN, a Frio Co SO Deputy was advised of a 2017 Ford F-150 pickup in Pearsall carrying possible IAs. At the scene, USBP Agents advised the Deputy that the vehicle had been driven onto a ranch. The Deputy located the vehicle abandoned. The vehicle was stolen from San Antonio.

On 14 JUN, Frio Co SO Deputies assisted USBP Agents with a bailout from a 2015 Ford F-150 pickup near Derby. The Deputies found the vehicle abandoned on a ranch. The vehicle was seized.

On 16 JUN, Laredo North USBP Agents encountered an abandoned 2003 Ford F-250 pickup on a ranch near Laredo. The vehicle, which was stolen from San Antonio, was referred to Webb Co SO.

On 18 JUN, Freer USBP Agents found a 2014 GMC Sierra pickup on a ranch near Freer. The vehicle, which was stolen from Houston, was recovered.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY



On 16 JUN, Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 99.10 lbs of marijuana and arrested three subjects whom they had observed walking north through a corn field. A K-9 tracked the subjects and located them in possession of three bundles.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 09 JUN, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy received information regarding a stolen 2017 Ford F-250 pickup traveling southbound on IH-37 and US-281 in George West. A George West PD Officer located the vehicle traveling southbound and conducted a traffic stop, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle continued on US-281, then crashed through a ranch gate. The Deputy lost sight of the vehicle after it reached a dead end and was driven into the brush.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts – CYTD *

Event	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	7	14	95	24	67	26	233
Bailouts	1	20	117	25	37	16	216

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





	Grand Total
IAs Detected	672,260
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	556,421
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	549
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	44
Firearms Detected	53

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