

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**July
2019**

**REPORTING PERIOD:
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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.



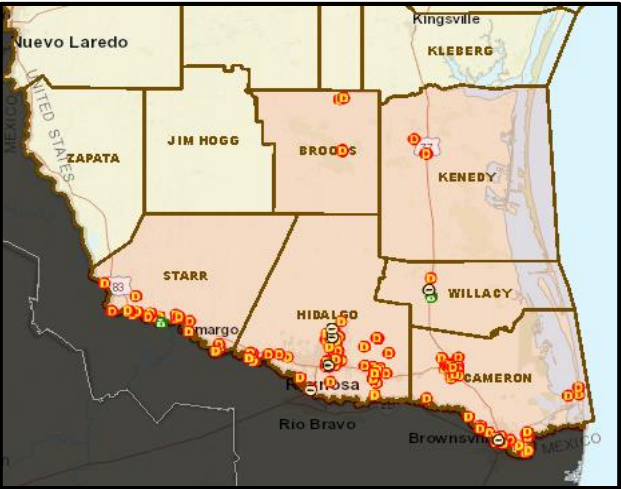
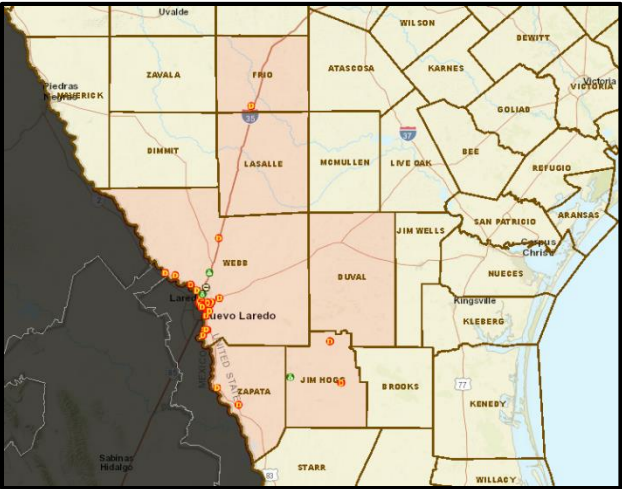
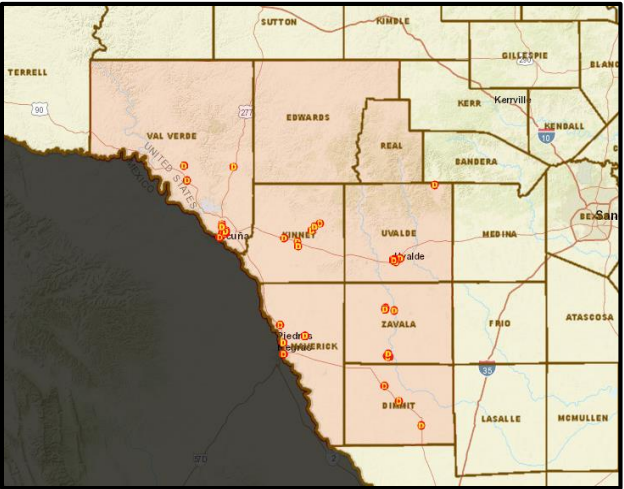
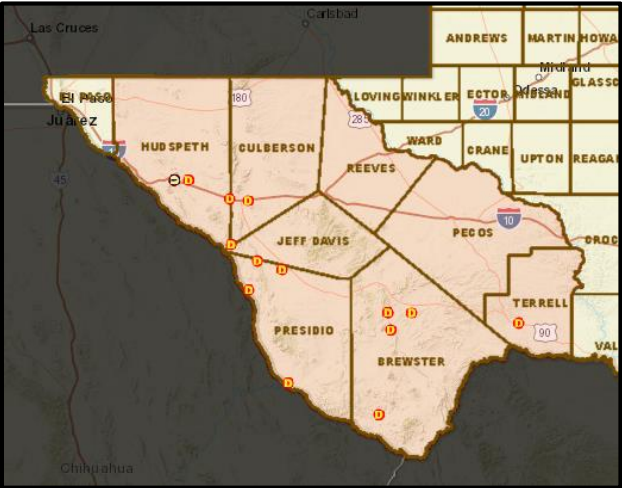
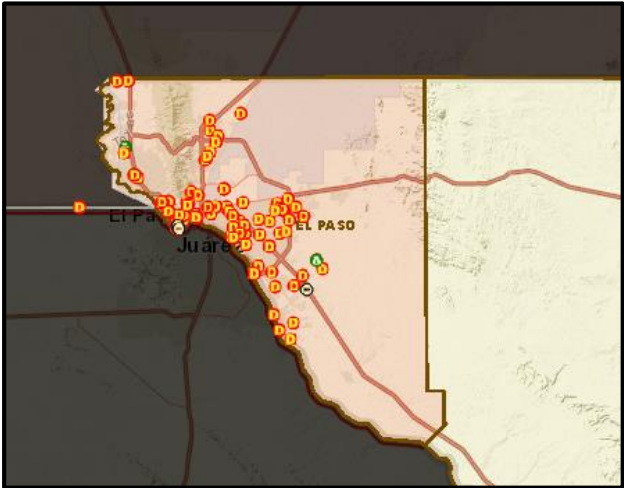
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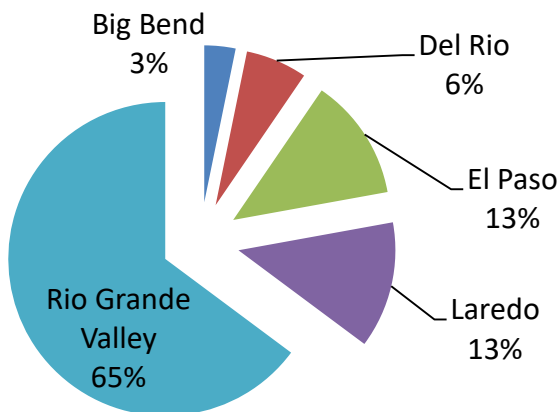
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Seizures – CYTD 2019	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Marijuana (lbs)	37,162	16,874	3,958	83,685	89,237	1,003	231,918
Cocaine (lbs)	564	57	157	946	2,836	276	4,836
Methamphetamine (lbs)	1,600	200	600	6,201	7,104	118	15,823
Heroin (lbs)	127	5	49	182	276	< 1	639

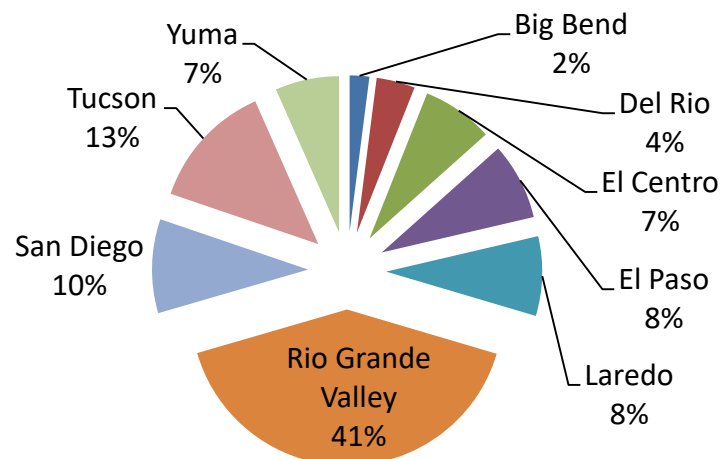




**Texas Border Sector Apprehensions
FY2018 (OCT-SEP)**



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

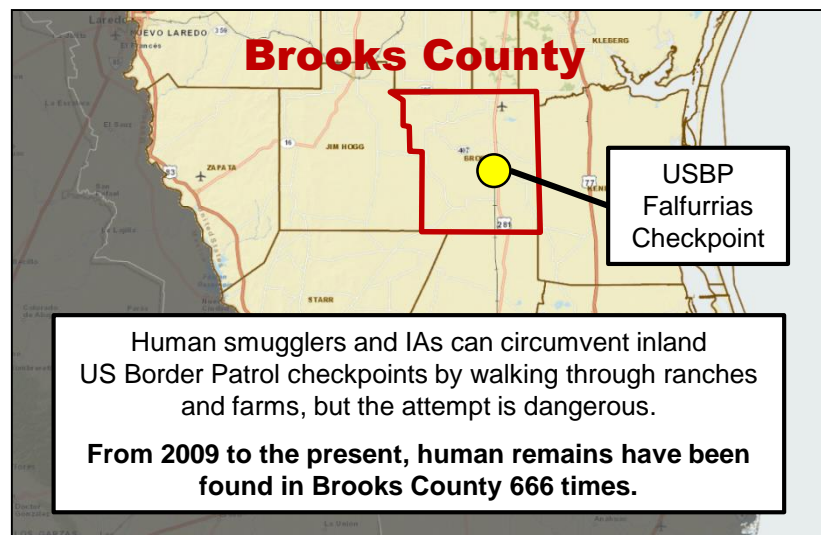


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Illegal Aliens (IAs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	102,313	5,916	37,904	25,281	234,331	0	405,745

Other Than Mexicans (OTMs)	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	RGV	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
CYTD 2019	93,206	3,873	32,316	8,051	215,937	0	353,383

Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs)	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015	FY 2014
Texas Border	34,383	31,827	47,192	31,109	58,312



MARFA SECTOR

On 08 JUL, USBP Agents responded to a call from a rancher who had found an abandoned backpack on a ranch northwest of Marfa. The Agents seized 35.16 lbs of marijuana from the backpack. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

On 09 JUL, USBP Agents apprehended eight IAs on a ranch south of Sierra Blanca. A guide/human smuggler was identified, and all eight subjects were wearing camouflage clothing. The case was referred to El Paso HSI.

On 11 JUL, Brewster Co SO Deputies seized a total of 300 lbs of marijuana concealed in four large burlap backpacks and detained five IAs on a ranch near Marathon. The case was referred to Alpine DEA. On 13 JUL, a Brewster Co SO Deputy seized 50 lbs of marijuana on a ranch southwest of Marathon that had been abandoned by a group of smugglers the previous night. The marijuana was referred to Alpine HSI.

On 26 JUL, Brewster Co SO Deputies responded to a report of a deceased subject found by USBP Agents on a ranch southeast of Marathon. The body had been reported to the Consulate General of Mexico in Del Rio by the group that had left the subject behind. No foul play is suspected, but an autopsy is being conducted to determine cause of death.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 05 JUL, a Kinney Co SO Deputy observed a group of suspicious subjects on the Roebuck Ranch near US-277, west of Spofford. USBP Agents apprehended four IAs, but a fifth subject absconded. The IAs were processed.

On 08 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 GMC Sierra pickup south of Big Wells, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and found abandoned. The Agent apprehended six IAs, but the driver absconded. The vehicle had a fictitious rear license plate, and the ignition had been tampered with. The vehicle was stolen from Houston. The Agent processed the subjects, and the Deputy impounded the vehicle.



DEL RIO SECTOR

On 09 JUL, a Val Verde Co SO Deputy received a report of a vehicle theft on a ranch in Langtry. A 2000 Jeep Wrangler was stolen.

On 12 JUL, a USBP Agent was dispatched to a ranch near US-277, north of Del Rio, regarding a group of suspicious subjects. The Agent located four IAs hiding under a tree with some stolen items. Two IAs were arrested for Illegal Entry into the US and the other two IAs were arrested for Illegal Re-entry After Deportation. The IAs were processed and the stolen property was referred to Val Verde Co SO.

On 17 JUL, a Val Verde Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near US-90 near Langtry, regarding a subject in distress. The Deputy rescued an IA who was diagnosed with rhabdomyolysis. The IA was sent to a San Antonio hospital for medical treatment, and will be processed by USBP.

On 24 JUL, a USBP Agent apprehended two IAs who were hiding in the brush on a ranch near US-277, north of Quemado. A Kinney Co SO Deputy arrested one of the IAs for an Austin warrant for Assault Causing Bodily Injury, and the other IA was processed.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 08 JUL, a Zapata Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2018 Toyota Camry near a ranch in Zapata. The Deputies detained six IAs, including the driver. The driver was arrested, and the IAs were referred to USBP.

On 09 JUL, an Encinal PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-150 pickup in Encinal, when a pursuit ensued. THP Troopers used a tire deflation device on the vehicle, which crashed through a ranch fence. The Officer detained 15 IAs. A La Salle Co Deputy detained an additional IA and the driver and passenger, and seized \$1,620 USD. The 16 IAs were referred to USBP. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

On 30 JUL, Laredo North USBP Agents responded to a Drawbridge camera activation near a ranch in Laredo and recovered a stolen blue 2016 Ford F-150 pickup. The vehicle was stolen from Poteau, OK.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 17 JUL, Webb Co SO Deputies responded to reports of USBP Agents recovering a deceased subject on a ranch off US-83 near Laredo. No identification was found.

On 18 JUL, Webb Co SO Deputies responded to reports of USBP Agents recovering a deceased subject on a ranch off US-59 near Laredo. A Mexican passport was recovered.

On 31 JUL, Webb Co Constable Pct. 3 Deputies responded to reports of a subject needing assistance on a ranch near Laredo. The subject was identified as an IA and referred to USBP.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 03 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in northern Brooks Co regarding a deceased person. USBP Agents escorted the Deputy to the location. The Webb Co Medical examiner assumed custody.

On 07 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a camp in Falfurrias regarding a deceased person found on the property. The Deputy was escorted to the location by USBP Agents.

On 11 JUL, Fort Brown USBP Agents seized 152.69 lbs of marijuana. The Agents observed several subjects run into a cornfield south of the levee. The Agents searched the cornfield, discovered six bundles of marijuana, and apprehended four subjects. The subjects and narcotics were referred to Cameron Co SO.



RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 11 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch near Falfurrias regarding the discovery of a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the scene by USBP Agents, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings.

On 14 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a property regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the location by USBP, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings.

On 15 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near Falfurrias regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the location of the remains by USBP, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings.

On 17 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch in Encino regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the location of the remains by USBP, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings.

On 18 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in Falfurrias regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the location of the remains by USBP, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY

On 23 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in Encino regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the location of the remains by USBP, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings.

On 28 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch in Falfurrias regarding a deceased person. The Deputy was escorted to the location of the remains, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings.

On 29 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch west of the Falfurrias Checkpoint regarding human remains. The Deputy was escorted to the location, and an inventory was taken of the personal belongings. A funeral home assumed custody of the remains.

On 31 JUL, Harlingen USBP Agents seized 72 lbs of marijuana. The Agents responded to a report from a concerned citizen regarding suspected IAs in a sugarcane field near Santa Maria and discovered the narcotics. A search of the immediate vicinity for subjects and additional bundles yielded negative results. DEA assumed custody of the narcotics.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 01 JUL, Goliad Co SO Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup near Goliad, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through multiple fences and into a creek, where several subjects bailed out. With the assistance of tracking dogs, the Deputies detained five IAs. The subjects were referred to USBP, and the vehicle was seized.

On 02 JUL, George West PD Officers were dispatched to assist THP Troopers in George West who were in pursuit of a stolen gray Ford F-250 pickup bearing two different license plates. The vehicle was driven through a fence and rolled over. Several subjects, including the driver, bailed out and absconded into the brush. The Officers detained six IAs and referred them to USBP.

On 02 JUL, THP Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a white 2018 Ford F-250 pickup on IH-37 near George West, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle turned onto CR 304 and was driven through a fence line onto a property. The vehicle was found abandoned, identified as stolen from San Jacinto Co, and recovered.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 15 JUL, a Bee Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gold 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe on FM 623 in Pettus, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The Deputy located the vehicle abandoned.

On 15 JUL, a McMullen Co SO Deputy received a call regarding a vehicle being pursued by USBP Agents. The Deputy observed a silver 2010 Chrysler Sebring on SH-16 in Tilden. Deputies conducted a traffic stop, when a pursuit ensued. The vehicle came to a stop along a fence line, and several subjects bailed out. The Deputy and USBP Agents apprehended nine IAs. The IAs were referred to USBP, and the vehicle was referred to McMullen Co SO.

On 20 JUL, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy was dispatched to the area of SH-359 and CR 354 in Orange Grove regarding a recovered stolen tan 1993 Chevrolet S-10 pickup. Upon arrival, the Deputy located the vehicle in a field and identified it as stolen from Orange Grove.



Total Pursuits and Bailouts (CY2014 - Present)*

Event	El Paso	Marfa	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	TOTAL
Pursuits	4	119	885	521	1,943	701	4,173
Bailouts	5	125	1,094	1,036	1,748	690	4,698

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

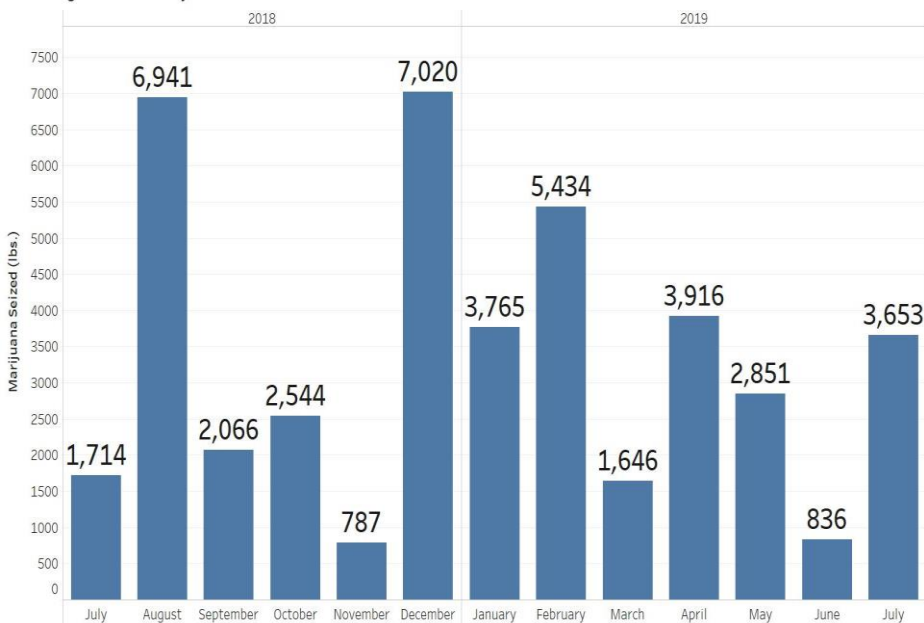




Statistical Summary – JUL 2019



Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Sum of Marijuana Seized (lbs.) for each datetime Month broken down by datetime Year. The data is filtered on datetime Month, which ranges from July 2018 to July 2019. The view is filtered on datetime Year, which keeps 2018 and 2019.

UDA's Detected



The trend of sum of IAs Detected for datetime Month. The view is filtered on datetime Month, which ranges from Jul 18 to Jul 19.

Operation Drawbridge Totals JAN 2012 - JUL 2019

	datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	590,480
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	516,447
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	549
Meth Seized (lbs.)	32
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	4
Firearms Detected	46

Operation Drawbridge Totals: CYTD 2019

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

	datetime Grand Total
IAs Detected	108,446
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	40
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	2
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	22,101
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0

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