

# **Border Operations Sector Assessment**

South Texas  
Ranch Edition

**August  
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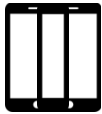
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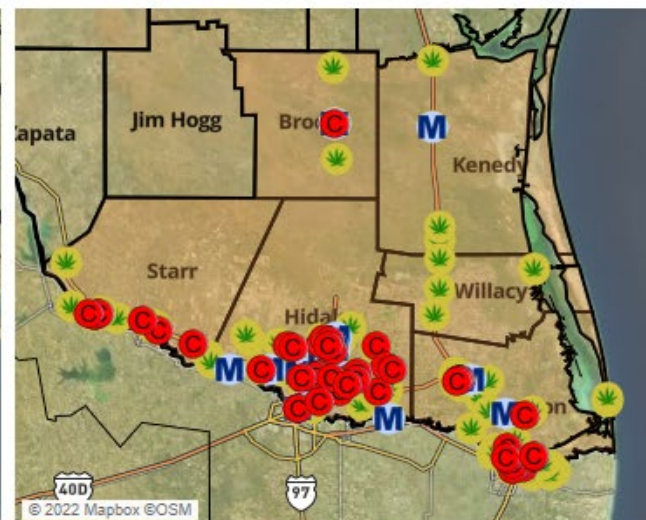
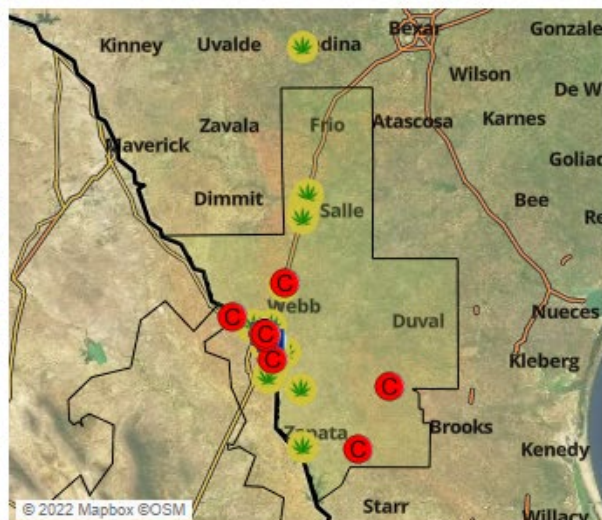
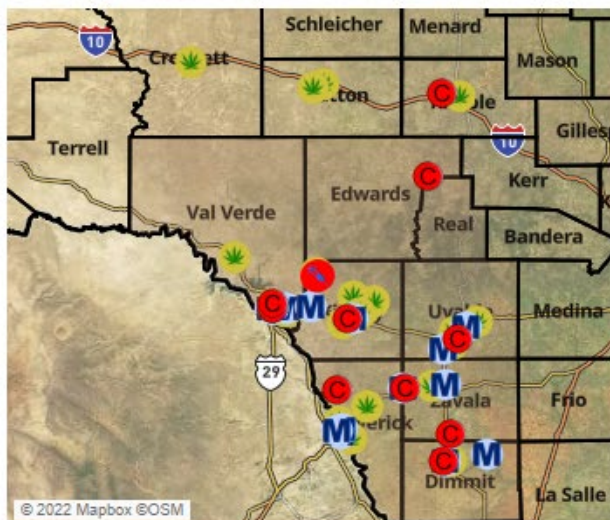
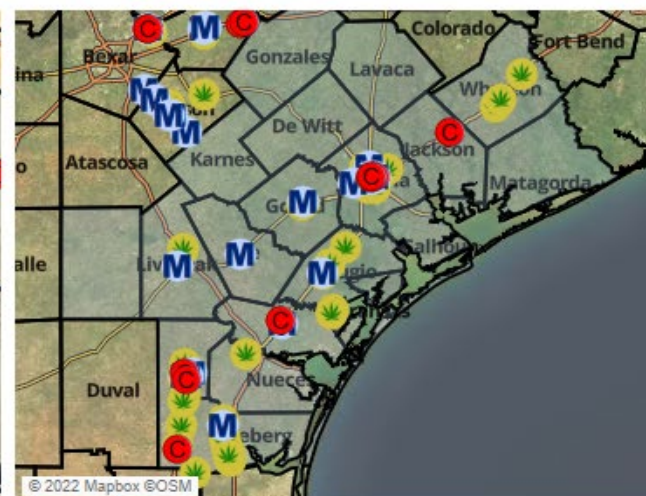
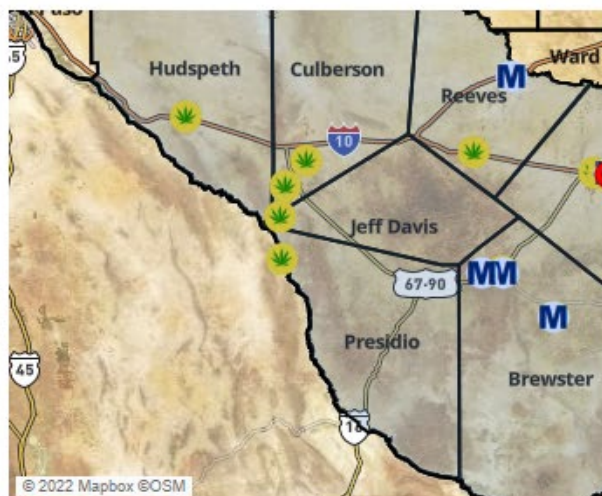
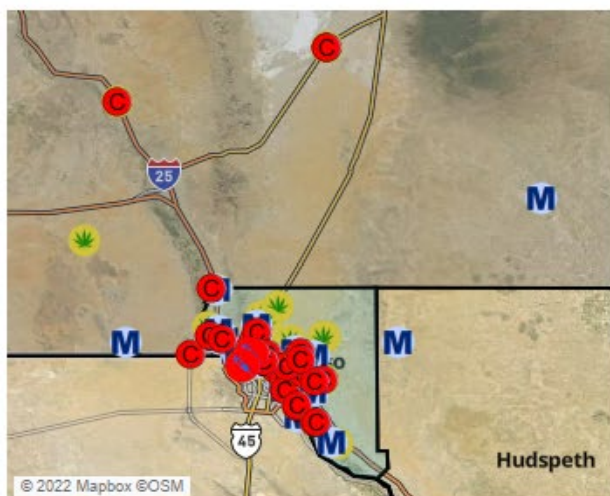
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August 2022	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Va..	Coastal Bend	Total
Marijuana (lbs)	18	13,780	4	1,897	2,933	16	18,648
Cocaine (lbs)	55	0	3	3,113	106	185	3,462
Methamphetamine (lbs)	44	9	24	1,302	203	7	1,590
Heroin (lbs)	2	0	0	9	9	0	21



Maps depict narcotics seizures during the respective reporting month

On 01 AUG, Brewster Co SO Deputies, along with Alpine USBP Agents and CBP AMO, apprehended a group of **16 IAs** on a ranch, 20 miles northeast of Panther Junction.

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On 08 AUG, Brewster Co SO Deputies responded to a ranch in the Marathon area and detained **six IAs**.

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On 07 AUG, the Jeff Davis Co Constable seized two abandoned bundles containing **110.30 lbs of marijuana** on a ranch, 22 miles west of Valentine. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

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On 09 AUG, Texas Rangers SOG Operators and UAS Pilots responded to a ranch in Terrell Co and detained **19 IAs**.

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On 10 AUG, Texas Rangers SOG Operators and UAS Pilots responded to a call for assistance at a ranch in Terrell Co and detained **20 IAs**.

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On 06 AUG, Texas Rangers SOG Operators and UAS Pilots were advised by USBP that there was a large group of IAs that had entered into the US and were headed north towards US-90 in Terrell Co. SOG Operators, along with UAS Pilots, THP Brush Crew, TMD, and USBP Agents responded to the area in which the IAs had last triggered a sensor. SOG Operators deployed on foot and ATVs while UAS Pilots deployed drones. A group of **20 IAs** were apprehended in a canyon on a ranch.

On 17 AUG, Van Horn USBP Agents along with CBP AMO, HSI, DEA, and DPS AVN executed a search warrant on a ranch, arrested a subject and seized **13,096 lbs of marijuana, 13 long arms, four handguns, \$28,537 USD, several rds of ammo**, two night-vision scopes, and two body armor vests and magazine carriers, magazines, and vehicles. AUSA and DEA are also planning on seizing the ranch property.



On 01 AUG, Van Horn USBP Agents, assisted by CBP AMO, seized two bundles containing **115.7 lbs of marijuana** found abandoned on a ranch in Hog Canyon, 21 miles west of Valentine. No subjects were located. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 05 AUG, Van Horn USBP Agents and DPS AVN seized three bundles containing **172.65 lbs of marijuana** and apprehended **three IAs** near a ranch, 8 miles southeast of Van Horn. The marijuana and two adult IAs were referred to Alpine DEA and a juvenile IA was processed as a Voluntary Return.

From 02-30 AUG, a Zavala Co SO Deputies were involved in seven **pursuits** and six **bailouts** that ended on ranches in eight separate incidents and referred **four IAs** to USBP in three incidents.

On 13 AUG, a Zavala Co SO Deputy, a TPWD Game Warden, and a Justice of the Peace were dispatched to a ranch on US-57 west of La Pryor regarding a **deceased subject**. The Deputy transported the remains to the Brooks Co Morgue.

On 08 AUG, a Zavala Co SO Deputy and a Justice of the Peace were dispatched to a ranch on US-57 west of La Pryor regarding a **deceased subject**. A funeral home removed the remains.

On 22 AUG, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched a ranch east of Asherton regarding a white 2018 Ford F-250 was driven through the ranch. The occupants **bailed out** and absconded. The Deputy found a tampered door lock and ignition, and the vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio. The vehicle was impounded.

On 26 AUG, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a blue 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee on SH-85 in Brundage, when a **pursuit** ensued. The driver bailed out onto a ranch off of FM-65 but was later apprehended by a USBP Agent. The Deputy arrested the driver/**IA** for evading arrest in a motor vehicle. The IA was processed by a USBP, and the vehicle was impounded.

On 21 AUG, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch on SH-85 east of Big Wells regarding an abandoned 2018 Dodge Ram 2500 which was stuck in the mud. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio and was impounded.

On 01 AUG, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near FM-186, west of Catarina, regarding a vehicle theft. A gate guard stated on 30 JUL, two subjects **stole** a white/blue 2004 Kenworth TTST from an oilfield pad.

On 07 AUG, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy and a USBP Agent were dispatched to a ranch west of Asherton regarding a **deceased subject**. The Agent identified the body as **an IA**, and a Justice of the Peace declared the subject as deceased. The remains were transported to a funeral home.

On 18 AUG, a USBP Agent inspected a white 2014 Dodge Ram 2500 on SH-85, east of Carrizo Springs, when a **pursuit** ensued. The driver bailed onto a ranch and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio and was impounded.

On 01 AUG, a USBP Agent located a deceased **IA** on a ranch near FM-2644, west of Carrizo Springs. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy and a Justice of the Peace were dispatched to assist. The remains were taken to a funeral home.

On 17 AUG, USBP Agents discovered an abandoned white 2017 Ford F-250 on a ranch on FM-190 north of Asherton. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy investigated the incident and verified the vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 08 AUG, a Uvalde Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2016 Lexus IS on US-83 south of Uvalde, when a **pursuit** ensued. Several subjects bailed out onto a nearby ranch and the driver absconded. USBP Agents apprehended **four IAs**. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

From 01-29 AUG, THP Troopers arrested **98 IAs** for criminal trespass and referred **28 IAs** to USBP that were detained on various ranches in Maverick Co in 30 incidents.

On 07 AUG, THP Brush Team responded to a drawbridge camera alert at Kerr Ranch in Kinney Co. **Four IAs** were caught trespassing and were arrested.

On 28 AUG, a THP Trooper detained **an IA** on a ranch in Zavala Co and referred them to USBP.

On 14 AUG, THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a Toyota 4Runner on FM-481 in Uvalde Co, when the driver pulled into a driveway leading to a ranch. Several subjects bailed out. **Five IAs** were referred to USBP.

On 27 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued on US-57 in Maverick Co. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was later found abandoned.

On 12 AUG, Laredo West USBP Agents responded to an alert on a ranch in Laredo. The Agents located eight bundles totaling **593.37 lbs of marijuana**. The marijuana was referred to DEA.



On 01 AUG, an Encinal PD Officer engaged in a **pursuit** of a **stolen** 2021 Ford F-150 near IH-35. Several subjects bailed out onto a ranch and a foot pursuit ensued. **Seven IAs** were detained and referred to USBP. The stolen vehicle was seized.

On 20 AUG, an Encinal PD Officer conducted a traffic stop of a black 2001 Ford F-150 near SH-44 at the entrance of a ranch. The subject was identified as a **scout** and was released.

On 31 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued on SH-359 in Jim Hogg Co. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The occupants bailed out but were arrested for criminal trespass.

On 02 AUG, a THP Trooper observed two Ford F-250s traveling east in tandem near Dilley. One vehicle was reported **stolen**. The Trooper conducted a traffic stop on the 2019 Ford F-250, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was abandoned and wrecked out on a ranch. The vehicle was impounded.

On 09 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on US-59 in Webb Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The driver bailed out and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from Harris Co.

From 02-17 AUG, Brooks Co SO Deputies took six reports of **deceased subjects** found on various ranches.

On 31 JUL, a Starr Co SO Deputy assisted USBP Agents with a vehicle found abandoned on a ranch where USBP stated the IAs had fled back to MX. The vehicle was impounded.

On 01 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on US-281 in Hidalgo Co, when **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The driver and approx. 20 subjects **bailed out**. **Five IAs** were detained and referred to USBP.

On 09 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on FM-755 in Starr Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. Eight subjects **bailed out**. **Two IAs** were detained and referred to USBP.

On 11 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on IH-69 in Willacy Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto ranch and drove through. The Trooper unable to locate the vehicle.

On 22 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on CR-101 in Brooks Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, was found abandoned, and confirmed **stolen**.

On 24 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on US-77 in Kenedy Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch. The vehicle was located with the driver absconding.

On 08 AUG, a Live Oak Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2019 Dodge Ram 2500 on US-59 in George West, when a **pursuit** ensued and ended on a ranch on FM-889. Several subjects **bailed out**. **Five IAs** were detained and referred to USBP. The vehicle was impounded.

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On 12 AUG, a Jackson Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 on at FM-530 in Edna, when a **pursuit** ensued and ended on a ranch. The driver **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from Houston and was impounded.

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On 11 AUG, a Wharton Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2022 Ford F-250 on US-59 in El Campo, when a **pursuit** ensued and ended on a ranch. The driver **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** by Houston PD.

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On 18 AUG, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2018 GMC Sierra on SH-202 in Beeville, when a **pursuit** ensued and ended on a ranch. Around 12 subjects **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** by Pasadena PD and was impounded.

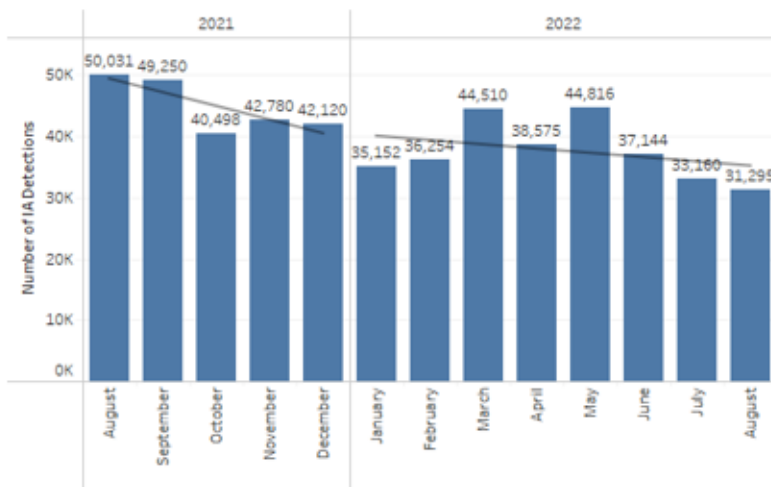
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On 07 AUG, THP Troopers conducted a traffic stop on a 2018 Ford F-150 on US-281 near Jim Wells Co, a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence on CR-101 near George West. The occupants **bailed out** and absconded. Later **two IAs** were detained and referred to USBP. The vehicle was reported **stolen** by San Antonio PD. The vehicle was impounded.

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On 03 AUG, a THP Trooper located a **stolen** vehicle on a ranch that was involved in a **pursuit** on CR-417 and FM-1538 in Jim Wells Co.

### Drawbridge IA Detections

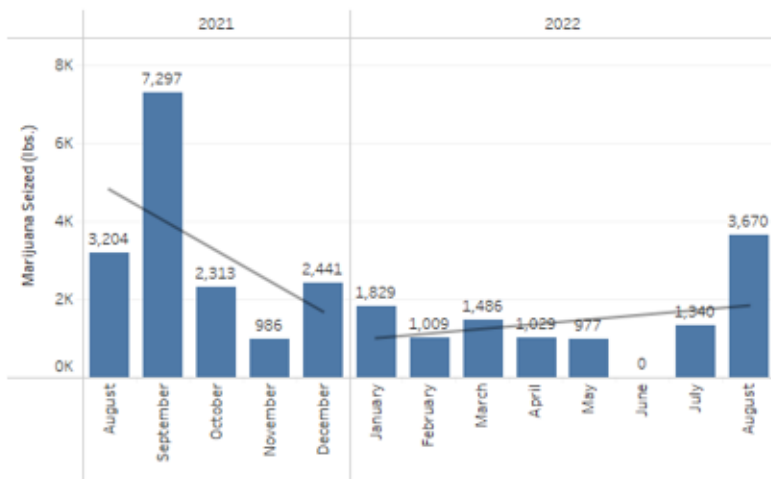


### Operation Drawbridge Totals: Aug 2021 - Aug 2022

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	525,585
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	27,581
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	295
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	660
Firearms Detected	40

*Figures are based on initial reporting and are subject to change.*

### Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



### Operation Drawbridge Totals: Jan 2012 - Aug 2022

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	1,553,971
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	626,864
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	1,451
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	861
Firearms Detected	105

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