

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**July
2022**

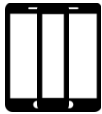
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01 JUL – 31 JUL 2022**



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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.



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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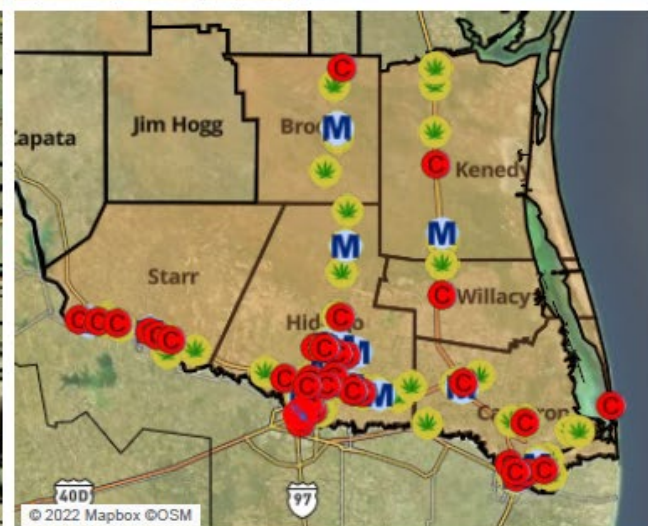
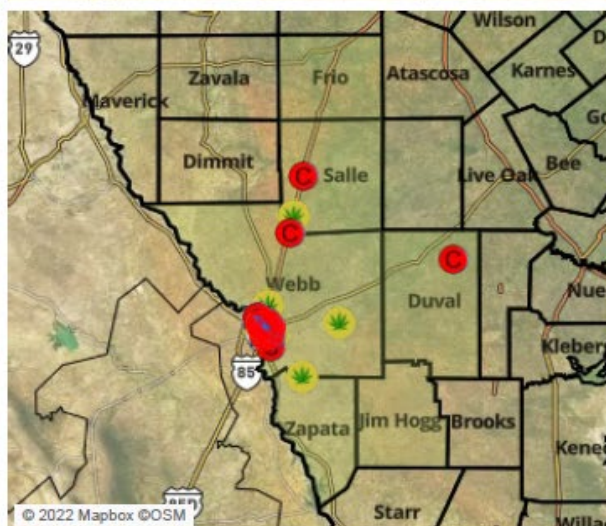
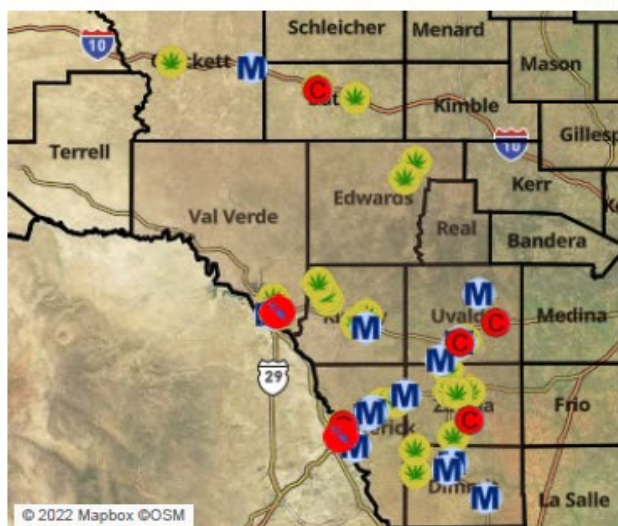
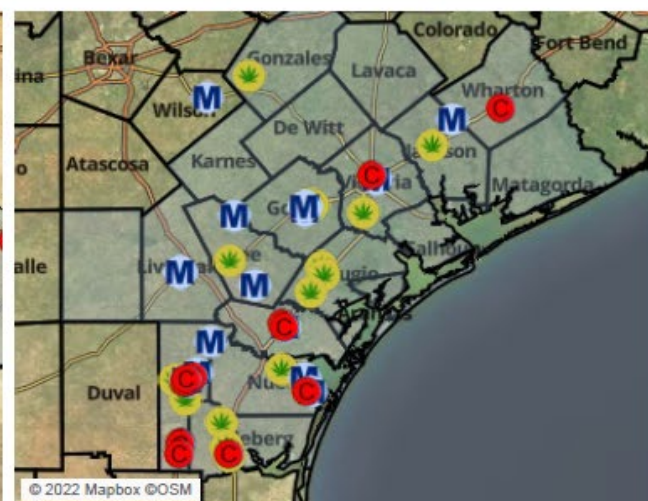
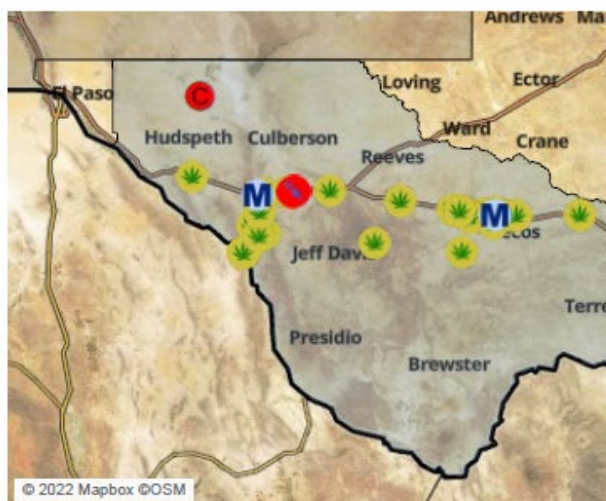
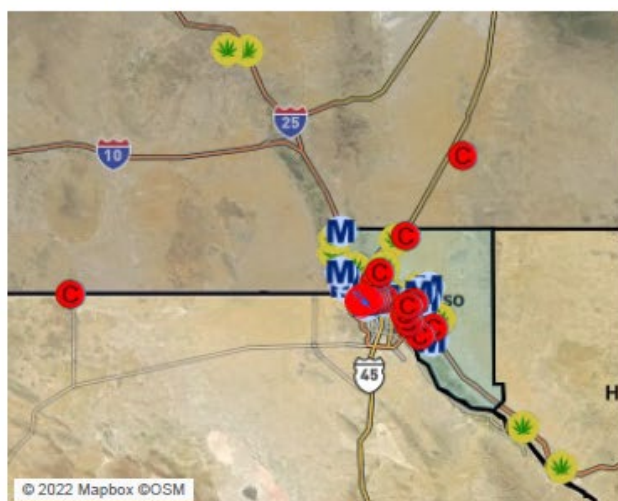
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July 2022	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Va..	Coastal Bend	Total
Marijuana (lbs)	21	1,559	2	359	1,849	251	4,041
Cocaine (lbs)	68	7	39	222	473	0	810
Methamphetamine (lbs)	201	0	58	263	429	2	954
Heroin (lbs)	0	3	11	2	3	0	20



Maps depict narcotics seizures during the respective reporting month

On 11 JUL, Van Horn USBP Agents were notified by DPS AVN that they had encountered six abandoned burlap sacks, containing **238 lbs of marijuana** on a ranch, 25 miles west of Valentine. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.



On 02 JUL, Sanderson USBP Agents apprehended a group of **30 IAs** on a ranch, southeast of Dryden.

On 06 JUL, Brewster Co SO Deputies responded to a ranch, 22 miles south of Marathon, regarding **four IAs**. Upon arrival, the IAs were referred to USBP.

On 12 JUL, Brewster Co SO Deputies responded to a ranch, south of Marathon, regarding **seven IAs**. The subjects were located and referred to USBP.



On 20 JUL, DPS AVN found two abandoned bundles containing **68.65 lbs of marijuana** on a ranch, 25 miles west of Valentine. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

On 21 JUL, Texas Rangers SOG Operators assisted USBP Agents with locating **four IAs** on a ranch in Terrell Co.

On 19 JUL, a Crystal City PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a rented white 2021 Dodge Ram 1500, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the driver **bailed out**. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio. The vehicle was impounded.

On 13 JUL, a Sutton Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch in Sonora regarding a report of a **stolen** Kawasaki KAF950A Mule 4x4. The subject who was suspected of the theft was confirmed as a passenger in a previous vehicle **pursuit**. The Kawasaki was later found abandoned on the ranch.

On 04 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch, west of La Pryor, regarding a suspicious subject. The Deputy detained **an IA**, who stated he was left behind by his group. A USBP Agent processed the IA.

On 05 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2014 Ford Expedition on US-57, east of Batesville. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and several occupants **bailed out** and absconded after the vehicle struck a tree. The Deputy impounded the vehicle pending disposition.

On 05 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2019 GMC Sierra on US-83 in La Pryor, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and eluded apprehension. Later, the vehicle was found abandoned and was reported **stolen**.

On 11 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2019 Ford F-150 on FM-117, south of Batesville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the Deputy located the vehicle abandoned. The vehicle had license plates from another vehicle. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 12 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2007 GMC Sierra on US-57, east of La Pryor, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was found abandoned on a different ranch.



On 14 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy investigated an abandoned green 1999 Kenworth, which was reported **stolen** from a ranch, east of La Pryor. Later, the vehicle was found abandoned on the property after it got stuck in a ditch. **An IA** who was found on the ranch was identified as the subject who stole the vehicle. The IA was arrested.

On 16 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy and a Justice of the Peace were dispatched to a ranch near US-57, west of La Pryor, regarding the discovery of a deceased subject. The Deputy located **a deceased IA**, and a local Judge declared the subject as deceased. The Deputy transferred the body to a local funeral home.

On 18 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near US-57, west of Batesville, regarding a group of suspicious subjects. The Deputy detained **five IAs**, who stated they **bailed out** of a vehicle which was stopped by a THP Trooper an hour before. A USBP Agent processed the IAs.

On 28 JUL, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee on US-57, west of Batesville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch near FM-187, north of Batesville. The Deputy found the vehicle after the occupants **bailed out**. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 08 JUL, USBP Agents responded to a ranch owner, who reported **two IAs**. The IAs were apprehended by the Agents.

On 12 JUL, a USBP Agent was dispatched to a ranch, west of La Pryor, regarding subjects in distress. The Agent located **two IAs** and **a deceased IA**. A Zavala Co SO Deputy and a Justice of the Peace were dispatched to assist. The Judge declared the victim dead, and the body was taken to a local funeral home. The Agent processed the IAs.

On 20 JUL, a USBP Agent inspected a white 2016 Ford F-150 on FM-1867, south of Big Wells, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. An Agent found the vehicle abandoned. The vehicle was reported **stolen** and was impounded.

From 01-31 JUL, THP Troopers arrested **128 IAs** for criminal trespass and referred **70 IAs** to USBP.

On 05 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and subjects **bailed out**. **An IA** was referred to USBP.

On 08 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2018 Dodge Ram, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and **eight IAs bailed out**, but were detained. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 08 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 on US-57, east of Batesville. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch. The Trooper found the vehicle abandoned. The vehicle had license plates from another vehicle and was reported **stolen** from Harris Co. The Trooper impounded the vehicle.

On 18 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2018 Chevrolet Silverado on FM-1019, east of Big Wells, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The driver absconded but assisting USBP Agents apprehended **four IAs** from the vehicle. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from Harris Co. The Trooper impounded the vehicle.

On 20 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a black 2022 Chevrolet Silverado on SH-85, east of Big Wells, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was later found abandoned. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from New Braunfels. The vehicle was impounded.

On 20 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2021 Dodge Ram 1500 that was involved with a human smuggling event on US-90, west of Brackettville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch west of Brackettville. The driver was arrested, and the passengers absconded. The next day the vehicle was reported **stolen**. On 20 JAN 2021, the same driver was arrested for driving another stolen vehicle in Zavala Co.

On 21 JUL, a THP Trooper stopped to check the status of a driver and a 2021 Nissan Rogue as the vehicle's hazard lights were activated. The Trooper observed several IAs in the vehicle. The driver fled, and the vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. **An IA** was detained and referred to USBP. The IA stated that 10 IAs and the driver absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio.

On 22 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a black 2008 Dodge Charger, when a **pursuit** ensued. The driver **bailed out**, and the Trooper detained **three IAs**, who were referred to USBP.

On 25 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2020 Ford F-350 on FM-187, east of Batesville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch. The Trooper found the vehicle on the ranch abandoned. The vehicle was bearing license plates from another vehicle and was reported **stolen** from San Marcos. The Trooper impounded the vehicle.

On 30 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2005 Chevrolet Silverado on US-377, west of Rocksprings. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch, and the Trooper found the vehicle abandoned. The vehicle had a license plate from another vehicle, and the vehicle was reported **stolen** from Harris Co. The Trooper impounded the vehicle.

On 25 JUL, a Kinney Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch off FM-1572, east of Spofford, regarding a group in distress. The Deputy referred **six IAs** to USBP.

On 31 JUL, a Kinney Co SO Deputy received a call regarding subjects who wanted to surrender on a ranch near FM-1572, east of Spofford. USBP Agents apprehended **five IAs**.

On 19 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2020 Dodge Ram 3500 on SH-85, east of Brundage. The vehicle was driven through the fence onto a ranch, and the driver **bailed out**. The vehicle had license plates from another vehicle. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Marcos. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 19 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy received radio communications about three vehicles traveling in tandem on SH-85, east of Carrizo Springs. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on one of the vehicles, a black 2018 GMC Sierra, on SH-85 in Carrizo Springs. Before the Deputy could identify the driver of the GMC, a black 2021 Ford Edge passed his location with several people inside of it. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Ford, and a **pursuit** ensued. The Ford crashed through a ranch fence east of Big Wells where subjects **bailed out**. With assistance from USBP Agents, a total of **six IAs** were apprehended from the Ford.

On 19 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a tan 2002 Ford F-250 on FM-2688, north of Catarina TX, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence onto a ranch, and the Deputy located the vehicle after the driver **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** and was impounded.

On 10 JUL, a DPS CID Special Agent assisted USBP Agents with a group of IAs. The Special Agent observed two IAs jump a fence. As the Special Agent drove along side, the **two IAs** jumped into the CID pickup bed. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 12 JUL, a THP Trooper assisted USBP Agents with a pursuit on US-281. The vehicle was driven through multiple fences before entering FM-2295. The Trooper lost sight of the vehicle due to dust. The vehicle stopped east of SH-359. Several subjects **bailed out**. USBP Agents apprehended **several IAs** and seized the vehicle.

On 18 JUL, a THP Trooper observed a vehicle on the side of the road, and three subjects **bailed out** onto a ranch. Two IAs were detained by the Trooper, and another subject absconded. The **two IAs** told the Trooper they were dropped off by a passenger car. The Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a gray Dodge Avenger. The driver admitted to dropping the IAs off several miles south of a USBP checkpoint and was arrested for **human smuggling**. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 25 JUL, a Webb Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a maroon 2006 Ford F-150 near US-59 on a ranch in Laredo, when a **pursuit** ensued. Fifteen subjects **bailed out**, and **an IA** was referred to USBP.

On 12 JUL, a George West PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2022 Nissan Titan on IH-37, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle continued west along FM-799 and then went through several ranch fences. Later, the vehicle was found abandoned.

On 20 JUL, La Salle Co SO Deputies conduct a traffic stop to a white 2013 Dodge Ram 2500 in Cotulla, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle stopped on a ranch located on FM-469, west in Cotulla. The driver **bailout** and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen**.

On 24 JUL, Zapata Co SO Deputies were advised by Zapata USBP Agents of **a deceased IA** at the Zapata/Webb Co line. The Deputies met with a USBP Agent, who guided the Deputies to where the deceased subject was located inside the ranch. The subject was referred to the Medical Examiner.

On 17 JUL, Freer USBP Agents responded to a Drawbridge alert on a white 2012 Ford F-150 and conducted a vehicle stop, when the vehicle **failed to yield**. The vehicle was driven through numerous gates and ranches. The vehicle was found abandoned in Freer. The vehicle came back **stolen** from San Antonio, and Duval Co SO impounded the vehicle.

On 20 JUL, Cotulla USBP Agents assisted La Salle Co SO with a **stolen** 2013 white Dodge Ram following a **pursuit** on IH-35. The vehicle was driven through the perimeter fence onto a ranch near Dilley. THP Troopers responded to the scene and found the vehicle abandoned on the property. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Antonio. La Salle Co SO impounded the vehicle.

On 01 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a **deceased person** found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co Mobile Morgue assumed custody of the remains.

On 06 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a **deceased person** found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co Morgue assumed custody of the remains.

On 08 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch regarding the discovered of a **skeletal remains**. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.

On 09 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch regarding the discovery of **skeletal remains**. The bones of the remains were found scattered on the ground.
Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.

On 11 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a **deceased person** found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co Mobile Morgue assumed custody of the remains.

On 12 JUL, a Brooks Co SO Deputy assisted USBP Agents in locating a lost person. During the search, **skeletal remains** were found on a ranch in Falfurrias.

On 15 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch and recovered **skeletal remains**.

On 27 JUN, a Brooks Co SO Deputy responded to a ranch and recovered a **deceased person**.
The body was taken to the Brooks Co Mobile Morgue.

On 28 JUL a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of **skeletal remains** found on a ranch in Falfurrias. Brooks Co SO assumed custody of the remains.

On 12 JUL, Falfurrias USBP Agents and Duval Co SO Deputies apprehended **14 IAs** following a **pursuit** through Jim Wells Co and Duval Co, which caused damage to several private fences. The subjects **bailed out**. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from Bay City. Duval Co SO took custody of the vehicle.

On 21 JUL, Rio Grande City USBP Agents apprehended **six IAs** and seized a vehicle in Rio Grande City. Starr Co SO Deputies impounded the vehicle. A property damage report for the ranch was also filed.

On 07 JUL, a Kenedy Co SO Deputy responded to a **pursuit** on a truck at Tullidos Park in Sarita. The abandoned vehicle was located in the brush on a ranch and was impounded.

On 08 JUL, a Kenedy Co SO Deputy took a report of criminal mischief. A vehicle believed to be involved in human smuggling caused damage to a ranch gate in Norias.

On 05 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a truck, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle turned towards a ranch and was driven through a fence. The truck continued through the brush, and the pursuit was terminated.

On 08 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the pursuit was terminated.

On 18 JUL, a THP Trooper was notified by CBP/OFO of a vehicle possibly transporting IAs. The Trooper observed a vehicle matching the description and conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle stopped, and the driver **bailed out**. The vehicle was impounded.

On 21 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle sped away, was driven onto the wrong side of road, and then crashed into ranch gate. Both the driver and passenger fled but were detained.

On 22 JUL, a THP Trooper was advised of a black Dodge Caravan possibly involved in human smuggling. The Trooper observed a vehicle matching the description and conducted a traffic stop. Seven subjects **bailed out**, and a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle crashed on a ranch. The driver absconded.

On 24 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white Mazda on US-277, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle struck a fence on a ranch, and all the occupants **bailed out**. The vehicle was released to a towing company in Raymondville.

On 29 JUL, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2019 Chevrolet, when a **pursuit** ensued. Several subjects **bailed out** onto a ranch. Kenedy Co SO Deputies assisted the Trooper.

On 31 JUL, a Starr Co SO Deputy assisted USBP Agents regarding an abandoned vehicle. The vehicle was found abandoned on a ranch property near the River, where the Agents stated subjects fled to MX. A wrecker service transported the vehicle to the Starr Co SO impound lot.

On 11 JUL, a Woodsboro PD Officer conducted a traffic stop to a 2010 Ford F-150, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle continued south along US-77 and was driven through a ranch gate. The vehicle stopped, and the driver **bailed out**. The vehicle was impounded.

On 10 JUL, a THP Trooper engaged in **pursuit** of a gray Ford pickup after conducting a traffic stop. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, was later found abandoned, and was impounded.

On 12 JUL, a George West PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2022 Nissan Titan on IH-37, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle continued west along FM-799 and was driven through several ranch fences. The Deputy lost sight of the vehicle. Later, the vehicle was located abandoned.

On 18 JUL, Goliad Co SO Deputies assisted a THP Trooper with a **pursuit** of a 2017 Dodge Ram. The vehicle was driven through several ranch fences. The driver **bailed out** and absconded.

On 18 JUL, a Goliad Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2017 Dodge Ram 1500, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle crashed through two fences in Goliad, then drove through several more fences. The pursuit crossed 4.5 miles through multiple ranches, causing damage to the properties. No arrests were made.

On 06 JUL, a Bee Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2004 Toyota Sequoia, when a **pursuit** ensued. Three subjects **bailed out**. A Ford F-150 in the area was spotted with several subjects laying down in the bed. The Ford was driven through a fence line, and ranchers detained **three IAs**, who were referred to USBP.

On 11 JUL, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado, when a **pursuit** ensued in Alice. The vehicle was driven through a fence line. The pursuit was terminated.

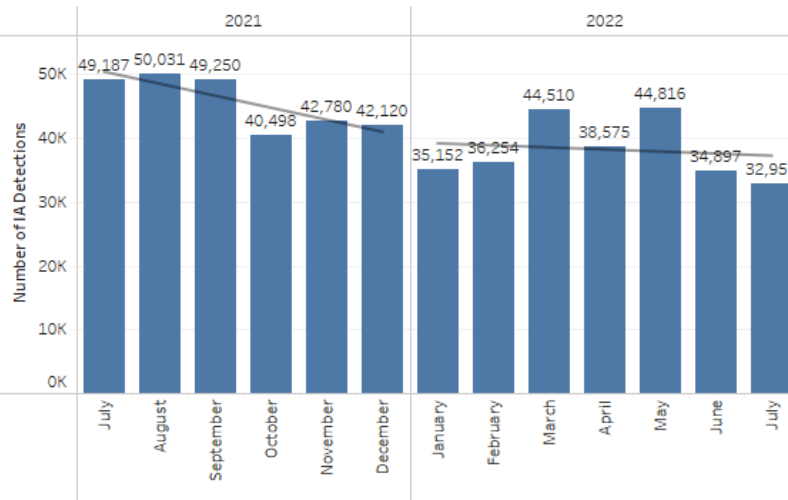
On 25 JUL, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2005 Dodge Ram 3500 in Alice, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. The driver lost control, and the vehicle came to a stop. Subjects **bailed out** and absconded.



Statistical Summary – JUL 2022



Drawbridge IA Detections

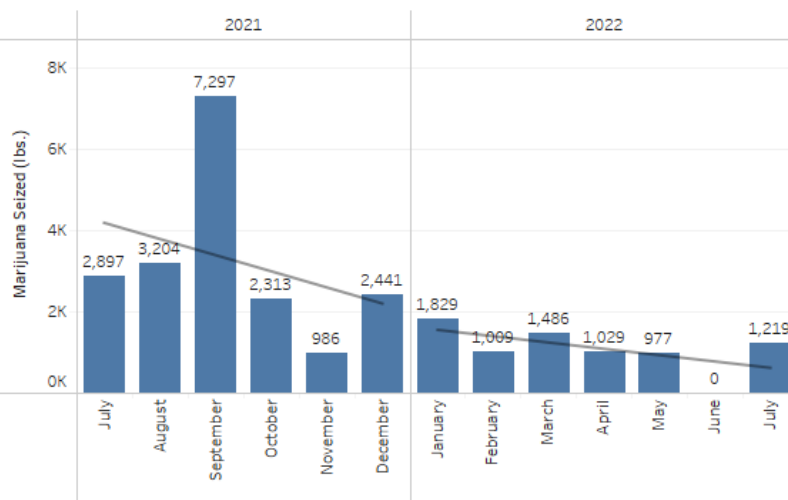


Operation Drawbridge Totals: Jul 2021 - Jul 2022

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	541,027
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	26,687
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	279
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 - Jul 2022

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	1,520,226
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	623,073
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	1,435
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	861
Firearms Detected	105

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