

Border Operations Sector Assessment

South Texas
Ranch Edition

**June
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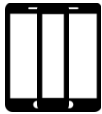
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01 JUN – 30 JUN 2022**



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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.



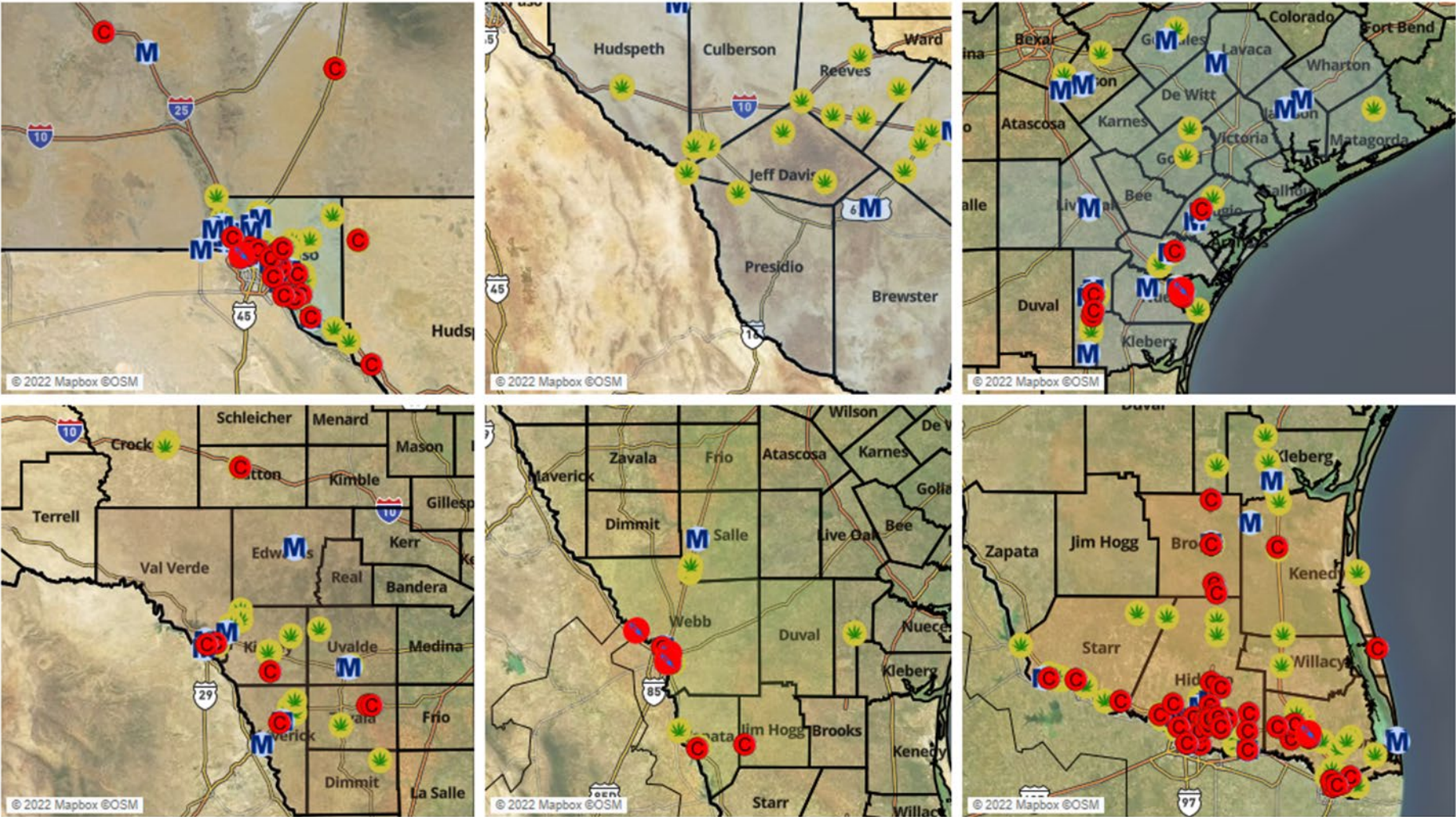
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| June 2022 | El Paso | Big Bend | Del Rio | Laredo | Rio Grande Va.. | Coastal Bend | Total |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| Marijuana (lbs) | 103 | 1,713 | 1 | 52 | 1,812 | 1 | 3,683 |
| Cocaine (lbs) | 10 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 383 | 46 | 684 |
| Methamphetamine (lbs) | 1,060 | 0 | 373 | 1,205 | 501 | 1 | 3,139 |
| Heroin (lbs) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 48 |



Maps depict narcotics seizures during the respective reporting month

On 09 JUN, a Jeff Davis Co Constable received a sensor alert of a large group of IAs located approximately 20 miles south of US-90. Van Horn USBP Agents were notified of the intrusion and advised of the approximate route the subjects would be traveling to further their entry into the US. On 12 JUN, Van Horn USBP Agents responded to a ranch south of Van Horn and apprehended the group of **31 IAs**.

On 10 JUN, Texas Rangers SOG Operators and UAS Pilots assisted USBP Agents with the apprehension of **15 IAs** on a ranch in Terrell Co.

On 10 JUN, Marfa USBP Agents apprehended **seven IAs** on a ranch, six miles southeast of Valentine. Within the group, a **guide** was identified.

On 13 JUN, Sierra Blanca USBP Agents apprehended **an IA**, a self-admitted **guide** from the Tucson and Casa Grande, AZ area, on a ranch, eight miles south of Allamoore.

On 15 JUN, DPS AVN responded to a call from a rancher reporting three subjects crossing his property in Culberson Co. The Aircrew located four subjects attempting to conceal themselves in a creek on the property. The Aircrew directed USBP Agents to the subjects in the creek. The Agents found additional foot tracks at the location and apprehended three additional subjects. A total of **seven IAs** were apprehended.

On 15 JUN, Texas Rangers SOG Operators and UAS Pilots assisted USBP Agents with the apprehension of **21 IAs** on a ranch in Terrell Co.

On 20 JUN, Texas Rangers SOG Operators and the UAS team assisted USBP Agents with the apprehension of a group of **eight IAs** on a ranch, south of US-90 in Terrell Co.

On 01 JUN, a Kinney Co SO Deputy observed a gray Dodge pickup truck on SH-131 in Spofford that appeared to be sitting lower than normal and had the rear windows down. The Deputy followed the vehicle, and it began speeding and driving erratically. Upon approaching a ranch, the swerving vehicle exited the road. Two subjects **bailed out** but were detained. **Three IAs** were detained from the rear seat. All five subjects were referred to USBP, and the vehicle was impounded.

On 14 JUN, a Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch north of La Pryor regarding an abandoned 2019 GMC Sierra. The Deputy found the door lock and steering wheel were tampered with, and the vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 28 JUN, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2021 GMC Sierra on SH-85 in Brundage, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch where the driver **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from Houston and was impounded.

On 05 JUN, a Val Verde Co SO Deputy located **four juvenile IAs** on a ranch near Del Rio who were left there by two unknown subjects. The two subjects stated they were going back to the river to get two more children and they would be right back, but they never came back. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 13 JUN, a USBP Agent located human remains while tracking a group of IAs on a ranch near FM-2691, west of Crystal City. The **deceased subject** was identified as **an IA**. A Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to assist. The remains were transported to a mortuary.

On 10 JUN, a USBP Agent located human remains while tracking a group of IAs on a ranch near FM-3252, south of Carrizo Springs. The **deceased subject** was identified as **an IA**. A Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to assist. The remains were transported to a mortuary.

On 03 JUN, DPS AVN assisted USBP Agents with a search for six IAs on a ranch in Kinney Co. A rancher spotted the group walking along one of his ranch roads after cutting through one of his fences. The Aircrew located all **six IAs** walking along a path, and the Agents apprehended the IAs.

On 06 JUN, USBP Agents and Texas Rangers SOG Operators apprehended **34 IAs** on a ranch in Maverick Co in four incidents.

On 07 JUN, Texas Rangers SOG Operators observed **four IAs** jump from a stationary Union Pacific train in Maverick Co. The IAs were chased through an adjacent ranch into the Union Pacific trainyard and were apprehended by SOG Operators with the assistance of the UAS team. The IAs were referred to USBP.

Between 28-30 JUN, Texas Rangers SOG and UAS Teams apprehended **330 IAs** from various ranches in Maverick Co in four incidents. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 07 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado on US-277. Four subjects **bailed out** and started running away onto a ranch. The vehicle continued driving, and a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle came to a stop, and the driver and passenger were arrested. The Trooper searched the vehicle and found **four IAs** in the bed of the truck.

On 14 JUN, a THP Trooper responded to a sensor alert at a ranch in Kinney Co. The Trooper, with the assistance of DPS AVN, detained **11 IAs**. Five of the subjects were arrested for criminal trespass.

On 14 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a Kia Optima on FM-133. The license plates belonged to a 2017 Ford F-150. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was later found abandoned. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from Bexar Co.

On 15 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford Explorer on US-57 in Zavala Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and several subjects absconded into the brush. The vehicle continued. After a brief pursuit, a Trooper spiked the front right tire. The vehicle continued a short distance and crashed into a brushy area where the driver and the front passenger absconded. The two subjects were later arrested.

On 28 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a blue Infiniti G37 on FM-481 in Uvalde. The passenger wearing camouflage clothing bailed out onto a ranch property. The driver was arrested and admitted that he was called to the location to pick up the passenger who is a "Friend from Honduras." The driver had intentions of transporting the passenger to Houston.

On 29 JUN, a THP Trooper observed several subjects get out of a white Chevrolet pickup and run north across US-90. This intersection was approximately 2-3 miles west of a USBP checkpoint. The Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and struck a cattle trough, disabling the vehicle. The driver then fled on foot for several hundred yards before he was found hiding under some foliage in a field. The driver was arrested.

On 02 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2018 Dodge Ram 3500 on SH-59 near Freer, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through several fences. The Trooper lost sight of the vehicle. USBP was notified, and after searching the area, the vehicle was located abandoned on a ranch near SH-16 in Duval Co. The vehicle was reported **stolen** by San Antonio PD and was impounded.

On 01 JUN, THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on FM-3073, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle struck a ranch fence at a high rate of speed and temporarily went airborne before coming down and crashing into thick brush. The driver and occupants **bailed out**. All three subjects were apprehended with the assistance of USBP Agents, Texas National Guard, and DPS AVN.

On 01 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford Excursion on SH-359. Several passengers **bailed out**. When the Trooper attempted to pull the driver out of the vehicle, the driver locked the door, **flicked a lit cigarette towards the Trooper's face**, proceeded to conduct a U-turn, and began to travel westbound towards Laredo. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was later located abandoned. The vehicle was impounded.

On 16 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a black Ford F-150 on SH-359 in Webb Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch. The vehicle was located abandoned and was impounded.

On 17 JUN, a THP Trooper was advised a 2012 Nissan Titan and a white GMC pickup **were attempting to block and interfere** with a vehicle **pursuit** on SH-359 in Duval Co. The two vehicles activated a sensor alert after the subjects cut a lock to a ranch entrance. The Trooper observed both vehicles come out of the ranch and conducted a traffic stop. A **pursuit** ensued with the Nissan, and the Nissan was driven through a ranch fence. The Nissan was located, but the occupants had **bailed out**. USBP attempted to locate the second vehicle with negative results.

On 17 JUN, a La Salle Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a tan 2019 Ford F-150 near Artesia Wells, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through the front gate of a ranch, and five subjects **bailed out**. The vehicle was reported **stolen** by Round Rock PD.

On 18 JUN, a THP Trooper arrested a subject for criminal trespass on a ranch in Jim Hogg Co.

On 20 JUN, a THP Trooper was notified of a 2010 Ford F-150 that did not belong on a ranch in La Salle Co. The vehicle was located and was reported **stolen**. The vehicle was impounded.

On 21 JUN, a THP Trooper responded to a sensor alert regarding a 2016 Dodge Ram loaded with subjects in La Salle Co. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio. The Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch. The vehicle was located abandoned and was impounded.

On 22 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a red Dodge pickup on FM-133 in La Salle Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch gate. The vehicle was located abandoned in the brush. Two subjects were detained. One subject was arrested for **human smuggling**, and the other subject was identified as **an IA**.

On 29 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a gray Ford F-250 in La Salle Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch. The vehicle was located abandoned. The vehicle had its back seat removed and showed several indicators the vehicle had been utilized for human smuggling.

From 06-28 JUN, Brooks Co SO reported a total of 23 **deceased subjects** found on various ranches in Falfurrias in 22 incidents.

On 09 JUN, Falfurrias USBP Agents arrested three **human smugglers** and seized two vehicles after observing the subjects drop off several subjects near a ranch in Falfurrias.

On 11 JUN, Texas Rangers SOG Operators assisted USBP Agents with the apprehension of **five IAs** on a ranch in La Joya.

On 15 JUN, a THP Trooper was notified of a possible stolen TxDOT pickup on SH-285. The Trooper located a vehicle matching the description. The vehicle was traveling westbound on SH-285 when it struck a ranch entrance gate and kept driving on the property. The vehicle was located abandoned and had signs of human smuggling. During further investigation, it was believed to be a **cloned TxDOT vehicle**.

On 19 JUN, a THP Trooper observed a subject talking to a ranch gate guard on US-77 in Willacy Co. The subject was on the outside of the fence and had a gallon jug of water. The Trooper made contact, and the guard said that the subject was **an IA** asking for water. USBP assumed custody of the IA.

On 28 JUN, a THP Trooper observed a white Chevrolet pickup on IH-69 in Willacy Co driving in tandem with another pickup from Mission. The Chevrolet stopped on the right shoulder after seeing the Trooper's emergency lights. The Chevrolet was about to stop, then made a hard right turn across both lanes of travel, took a cross-over, and then accelerated rapidly on IH-69 southbound. The Chevrolet then turned west and was driven onto a ranch. The vehicle was not found after a search. Evidence shows the vehicle circled back around to IH-69 and traveled south.

On 28 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2008 Ford Expedition on US-281 in San Manuel, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle veered off the roadway and rammed through the cattle fence of a ranch. All occupants **bailed out** and absconded.

On 01 JUN, a Bee Co SO Deputy assisted a THP Trooper with a **pursuit** of a white 2001 Ford F-350 on SH-181 in Beeville. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and 15 subjects **bailed out** and absconded. The Deputy and the Trooper detained **three IAs** and referred them to USBP. The vehicle was impounded.

On 07 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford F-150 on US-281 in Jim Wells Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle refused to stop, even slamming on his breaks to try to get the Trooper to rear end him. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch. The vehicle was located abandoned and was impounded.

On 10 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2018 Ford F-150 on US-281 in Jim Wells Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and all occupants **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle was impounded.

On 11 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a Ford F-150 on US-281 in Jim Wells Co, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch and was not located.

On 12 JUN, a George West PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a **stolen** 2014 GMC Sierra on US-59, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch. The Officer lost sight of the vehicle inside the ranch property.

On 15 JUN, a Jim Wells Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black Ford F-350 on US-281, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch where it came to a stop at the brush line. Several subjects **bailed out** and absconded into the brush. **Four IAs** were found in the bed of the pickup and were detained. The vehicle was reported **stolen** and was impounded.

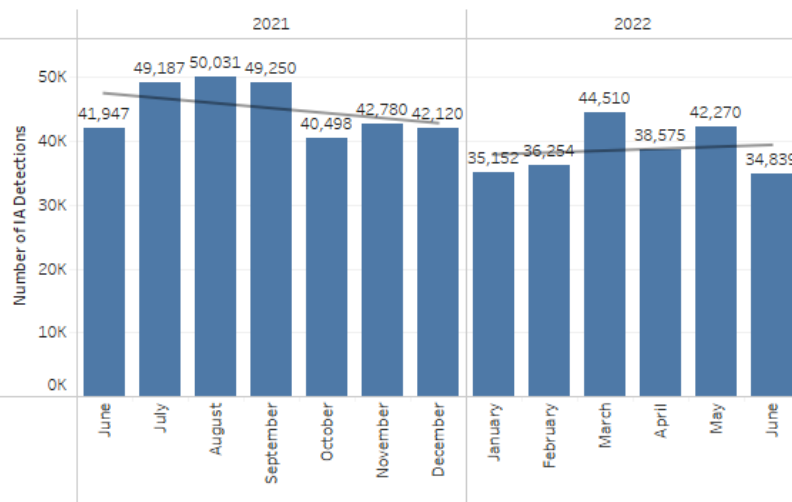
On 30 JUN, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2017 Ford F-250 on SH-359 in Tynan, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch gate. Fifteen subjects **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle was reported **stolen** by Houston PD and was impounded.



Statistical Summary – JUN 2022



Drawbridge IA Detections

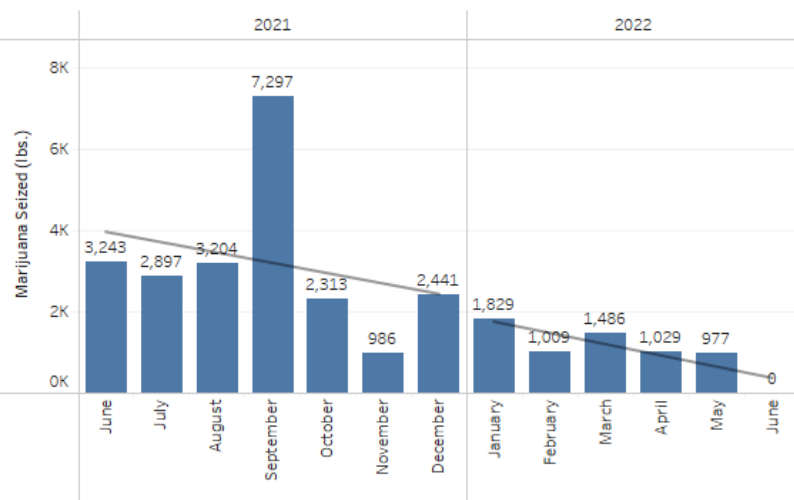


Operation Drawbridge Totals: JUN 2021 - JUN 2022

| | Grand Total |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| IAs Detected | 547,413 |
| Marijuana Seized (lbs.) | 28,711 |
| Cocaine Seized (lbs.) | 279 |
| Heroin Seized (lbs.) | 0 |
| Meth Seized (lbs.) | 660 |
| Firearms Detected | 39 |

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

Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Operation Drawbridge Totals: JAN 2012 - JUN2022

| | Grand Total |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| IAs Detected | 1,484,665 |
| Marijuana Seized (lbs.) | 621,854 |
| Cocaine Seized (lbs.) | 1,435 |
| Heroin Seized (lbs.) | 40 |
| Meth Seized (lbs.) | 861 |
| Firearms Detected | 104 |

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