

Border Operations Sector Assessment

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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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On 04 NOV, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle suspected of being used for **human smuggling**, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence off US-90. The driver **bailed out** and absconded into the brush.

On 10 NOV, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop and observed numerous IAs lying in the rear seat. A subject **bailed out** and absconded by climbing over a ranch fence. **Five IAs** were referred to USBP.

On 12 NOV, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued, and the vehicle was driven through a ranch fence. An unknown number of occupants **bailed out** and absconded.

On 12 NOV, Pecos Co SO Deputies responded to assist THP Troopers with a **bailout** event on TX-349, south of Sheffield. **Three IAs** were detained on a ranch and were referred to USBP.

On 30 NOV, Marfa USBP Agents seized **90 lbs of marijuana** found abandoned on a ranch, west of Marfa. The bundles appeared to be old and were torn open with some of their contents scattered around the immediate area. The marijuana was referred to Alpine DEA.

On 30 NOV, Van Horn USBP Agents apprehended a group of **eight IAs** in the brush on a ranch, eight miles southeast of Van Horn. Within the group, a known **guide** was identified.

On 03 NOV, a Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch on FM-1436, north of La Pryor. The ranch owner turned over three IAs to the Deputy. As the Deputy was leaving the ranch, another three IAs turned themselves in. **Six IAs** were referred to USBP.

On 10 NOV, a Zavala Co SO Deputy observed a black 2012 Dodge Ram and a 2011 Ford F-250 travelling in tandem on US-57, near Batesville. The Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Dodge Ram, and a second Deputy conducted a traffic stop on the Ford F-250, when a **pursuit** ensued. The F-250 was driven through a ranch near FM-117, north of Batesville. The driver **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle had a counterfeit license plate but was not reported stolen at the time of report. The driver of the Dodge was suspected of scouting and was released.

On 11 NOV, a Zavala Co SO Deputy was dispatched to US-83, north of La Pryor, to assist a Uvalde Co SO Deputy with a **pursuit**. The Deputy located a blue 2007 Chevrolet Silverado which was driven through a ranch fence, where the driver **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle had a license plate from another vehicle, a tampered ignition, and was reported **stolen** from San Antonio.

On 11 NOV, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a red 2009 Toyota Tacoma on FM-1025, south of Batesville. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, where eight occupants **bailed out** and absconded.

On 13 NOV, a Zavala Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2008 Chevrolet Suburban near Batesville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, where the driver **bailed out** and absconded.

On 01 NOV, a USBP Agent conducted a vehicle inspection on a beige 2009 GMC Sierra on SH-85 near Brundage, when the vehicle **failed to yield**. A Dimmit Co SO Deputy assisted. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence near FM-65, where several occupants **bailed out**. **Seven IAs** were apprehended.

On 10 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy observed a white 2016 Mercedes-Benz CLA 250 and a gray 2015 Dodge Ram travelling in tandem on SH-85, west of Brundage. A **pursuit** ensued, and the Dodge Ram was driven through a ranch fence. Several occupants **bailed out** and absconded. The Mercedes-Benz was suspected of scouting for the Dodge Ram.

On 23 NOV, a Dimmit Co SO Deputy assisted USBP Agents with a vehicle stop on a black 2017 Ford F-150 on SH-85, west of Brundage, when a **pursuit** ensued. The Deputy took over the pursuit for the USBP Agents. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and all the occupants **bailed out** and absconded. The vehicle had two different license plates from two different vehicles and was reported **stolen** from Houston. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 11 NOV, a Kimble Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch near CR-275, west of Junction. **Two IAs** were referred to USBP.

On 21 NOV, an Edwards Co SO Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2015 Ford F-150 on US-377, west of Rocksprings, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the driver **bailed out** and absconded. The license plates belonged to another vehicle, and the vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio. The Deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 02 NOV, a THP Trooper engaged in a **pursuit** and lost visual contact with the vehicle due to heavy fog. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence where it was found abandoned.

On 02 NOV, a THP Trooper tracked foot sign that led onto a ranch in Jim Hogg Co and arrested **two IAs** for criminal trespass.

On 02 NOV, a THP Trooper responded to a sensor alert on a ranch in Jim Hogg Co. A DPS Brush Team and USBP Agents located 17 IAs on the property. USBP Agents apprehended **three IAs**, and **14 IAs** were arrested for criminal trespass.

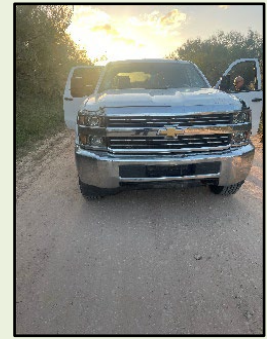
On 12 NOV, a DPS Brush Team responded to a sensor alert on a ranch in Jim Hogg Co. **Two IAs** were arrested for criminal trespass, and **two IAs** were referred to USBP.

On 13 NOV, THP Troopers responded to a report of IAs on a ranch in Jim Hogg Co. **Two IAs** were arrested for criminal trespass.

On 14 NOV, THP Troopers were advised by USBP of 15 IAs that had absconded onto a ranch in Jim Hogg Co. A DPS Brush Team with a K-9 unit located **three IAs** on the ranch and arrested them for criminal trespass.

On 04 NOV, Laredo West USBP Agents responded to a sensor alert involving a 2018 Dodge Ram found on a ranch near Laredo. The vehicle was reported **stolen** from San Antonio. The driver had a warrant from Georgia and alerts for **human smuggling**. The subject was arrested.

On 09 NOV, an Encinal PD Officer assisted USBP Agents in the **pursuit** of a white 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 that continued for ten miles. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch where it was found abandoned.



On 11 NOV, a Zapata Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch regarding **two IAs** in need of medical assistance. After the IAs were given medical assistance, they were referred to USBP.

On 14 NOV, a Zapata Co SO Deputy responded to reports of a white Ford Mustang and a brown 2008 Ford F-150 that picked up several IAs from a ranch. The F-150 was located, the driver was arrested for **human smuggling**, and the vehicle was seized. **Five IAs** were referred to USBP.

On 20 NOV, a THP Trooper, working alongside a DPS Brush Team, responded to a sensor alert on a ranch. The Troopers located **eight IAs**. Seven IAs were arrested for criminal trespass, and one IA was referred to USBP.



On 03 NOV, Rio Grande City USBP Agents, along with Texas Rangers SOG Operators and TPWD Game Wardens, detained **11 IAs** and seized a vehicle at a ranch in Garceno. The **caretakers** were released, and the vehicle was seized.

On 04 NOV, Weslaco USBP Agents tracked foot sign and located **11 IAs**, including a **foot guide**, on a ranch. The foot guide was identified as a juvenile and granted a voluntary return to Mexico.

On 05 NOV, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of skeletal remains found on a ranch near Falfurrias.



On 08 NOV, a Brooks Co SO Deputy took a report of a dead body found on a ranch near Falfurrias.



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On 19 NOV, a Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch regarding a dead body.



On 20 NOV, a Brooks Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch regarding a dead body.

On 08 NOV, a THP Trooper responded to a ranch regarding a trespasser being detained by a ranch representative.

An IA was taken into custody and charged with criminal trespass.

On 29 NOV, a THP Trooper working with the District Interdiction Task Force on US-281 was advised by a rancher of a group of IAs trespassing. **An IA** was detained and referred to USBP.

On 14 NOV, Falfurrias PD Officers, assisted by Falfurrias USBP Agents, apprehended **eight IAs** on a ranch near the Brooks and Hidalgo Co line after a vehicle **pursuit** and **bailout** occurred. The vehicle was seized.



On 03 NOV, a Goliad Co SO Deputy was dispatched to a ranch off US-183 where the owner witnessed several subjects walking along their fence line. A search of the area revealed food, clothing, and fences that had been pushed down. No subjects were located.

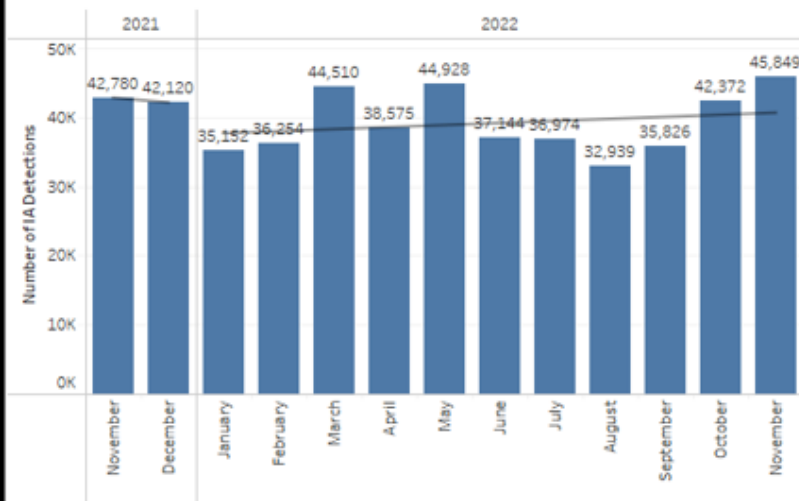
On 29 NOV, a Goliad Co SO Deputy received information that a group of subjects cut several padlocks to gain access to a ranch on FM-883, Goliad. Bee Co SO also reported a vehicle **pursuit** in the area.

On 21 NOV, a Refugio Co SO Deputy located a subject with a warrant working at a ranch near Woodsboro. The subject was arrested.

On 28 NOV, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white 2018 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 on US-77 near Bishop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence where the occupants **bailed out**. A DPS K-9 tracked and located **two IAs**, who were referred to USBP. The vehicle was reported **stolen**.



Drawbridge IA Detections

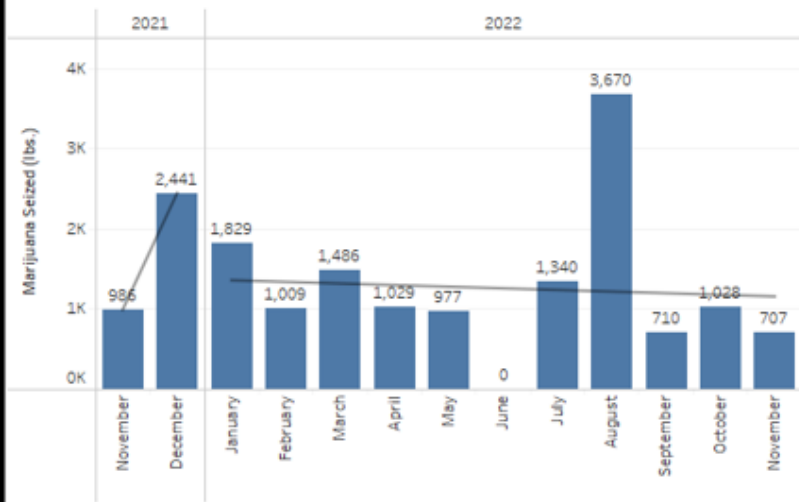


Operation Drawbridge Totals: Nov 2021 - Nov 2022

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	515,423
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	17,212
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	76
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0
Firearms Detected	19

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

Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Operation Drawbridge Totals: Jan 2012 - Nov 2022

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	1,683,588
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	629,309
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	1,451
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	861
Firearms Detected	104

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