

Border Operations Sector Assessment

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DEL RIO SECTOR

On 02 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy responded to a ranch on US-83, south of La Pryor, and referred **two IAs** to USBP.

On 03 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2018 Ford Explorer on US-57, east of La Pryor, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the occupants bailed out.

On 04 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy responded to a ranch on US-57, west of La Pryor, regarding human remains. A USBP agent identified the remains as **an IA**. The remains were transported to Brooks Co SO.

On 05 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2018 Ford Edge on US-57, east of La Pryor, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the occupants bailed out. The deputy seized **a Smith & Wesson .40 cal. handgun** found in the driver-side door.



On 08 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a gray 2018 Toyota Corolla on US-83, south of La Pryor. The vehicle came to a complete stop, accelerated at a high speed, and was driven onto a ranch. Several subjects bailed out. The deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 08 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2016 Ford F-150 on FM-1867, south of Batesville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was not located.

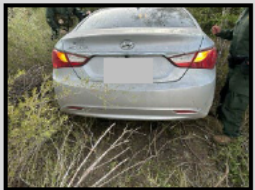
On 11 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2014 Toyota Tacoma on US-57, east of Batesville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and rolled over. Several subjects bailed out. The deputy provided medical care to injured subjects, identified **four IAs**, and seized **a handgun** from the vehicle. The deputy referred the IAs to EMS personnel and impounded the vehicle.

DEL RIO SECTOR



On 27 JUL, a Zavala Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a white 2015 Nissan Frontier on US-57, near Batesville, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch on FM-140, south of Uvalde, and the occupants bailed out. With assistance from a Zavala Co constable and THP troopers, the deputy detained **eight IAs**, including the driver/human smuggler. The deputy referred the IAs to USBP and impounded the vehicle.

On 07 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2019 GMC Sierra on FM-186, south of Carrizo Springs, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch near FM-1433, and the deputy lost sight of the vehicle. USBP agents reported that the vehicle was observed driving on FM-1433, but the vehicle evaded pursuit.



On 22 JUL, a Dimmit Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a silver 2012 Hyundai Sonata on US-83, north of Carrizo Springs, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence, and the deputy located the vehicle after the occupants bailed out. The vehicle had a fraudulent temporary tag. A USBP agent apprehended **three IAs**.

On 29 JUL, a Kimble Co SO deputy received information about a suspected IA load vehicle on RR-337, east of Camp Wood. The deputy and a THP trooper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in Leahey. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch, and the driver and passengers absconded. The vehicle was reported stolen, and the deputy impounded the vehicle.

On 01 JUL, THP troopers responded to a ranch and arrested **four IAs** for criminal trespass.

On 04 JUL, THP and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) troopers observed an undisclosed number of **IAs** at the gate of a ranch on US-277 and referred them to USBP.

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On 05 JUL, a THP trooper received information regarding a stolen Ford F-250 near Knippa and conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a barbwire fence onto a private ranch, and the trooper terminated the pursuit. Later, the vehicle was found abandoned on the ranch.

On 06 JUL, THP and FHP troopers conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and onto a ranch. The vehicle was found abandoned. With assistance from USBP agents, the driver was arrested. The vehicle was reported stolen from McKinney.

On 06 JUL, a THP trooper conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet Silverado, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven onto a ranch. **An IA** bailed out and was referred to USBP. The vehicle continued into the ranch, and the pursuit was terminated.

On 07 JUL, a THP trooper responded to subjects observed crossing a fence line onto a ranch. **Two IAs** were trespassing, and one was arrested.

On 07 JUL, a THP trooper and Kinney Co SO were involved in a **pursuit** of a stolen vehicle, and the vehicle was driven onto a ranch. The vehicle hit an iron gate pole, which forced the driver to come to a stop. The driver rapidly reversed and attempted to hit a deputy with the vehicle. The trooper observed the driver was the sole occupant and discharged his handgun at the passenger-side tires. The driver continued to drive through the gate and bailed out. The driver was arrested.

On 09 JUL, TXNG advised a THP brush team of subjects bypassing c-wire and entering a ranch. **Nine IAs** were referred to USBP.

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On 10 JUL, TXNG advised a THP brush team of **13 IAs** who crossed the Rio Grande River, bypassed c-wire, and entered a ranch. The IAs were arrested.

On 09 JUL, TXNG advised a THP brush team of a group of subjects bypassing the c-wire and entering a ranch. The brush team referred **80 IAs** to USBP.

On 10 JUL, a THP trooper arrested **four IAs** on a ranch.

On 12 JUL, a THP brush team responded to a group of subjects headed onto a ranch property. The subjects were warned that crossing into the property is illegal and they would be arrested. The subjects crossed into the property, and **32 IAs** were arrested.

On 13 JUL, TXNG notified a THP trooper of **seven IAs** near a ranch. The trooper arrested two IAs and referred five IAs to USBP.

On 13 JUL, a THP trooper conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was spiked, but the pursuit continued until the vehicle was driven into a ranch gate. The trooper located the vehicle abandoned, and **an IA** was referred to USBP.

On 14 JUL, a THP trooper conducted a traffic stop, and subjects bailed out. The subjects ran north onto private ranch land. The driver and front passenger were arrested.

On 16 JUL, a THP trooper arrested **two IAs** for trespassing on a ranch.

On 01 JUL, USBP agents encountered a group of **five IAs**, including a human smuggler, in the brush on a ranch south of US-277, west of Carrizo Springs. The smuggler was arrested, and the four IAs were processed.

DEL RIO SECTOR

On 01 JUL, Texas Rangers SOG operators responded to a **Drawbridge** alert and with assistance from USBP agents, apprehended **an IA** on a ranch.

On 01 JUL, Texas Rangers SOG operators responded to a USBP camera alert on a ranch and detained **seven IAs**. The IAs were referred to USBP.

On 01 JUL, Texas Rangers SOG operators assisted TMD soldiers with a group of **IAs** cutting through a ranch property fence. The undisclosed number of IAs were referred to USBP.

On 09 JUL, Texas Rangers SOG operators and UAS pilots discovered **an IA** on a ranch property west of the Maverick rail yard and referred the subject to USBP.

On 11 JUL, Texas Rangers SOG operators and UAS pilots discovered **10 IAs** on a ranch property near a rail yard and referred the subjects to USBP.

On 18 JUL, Texas Rangers SOG operators, FHP troopers, and TMD soldiers observed several IAs jump off a train car and flee on foot. **Seven IAs** were located on a ranch and referred to USBP.

LAREDO SECTOR

On 13 JUL, a THP trooper and a THP brush team responded to a **Drawbridge** alert on a farm and detained an undisclosed number of subjects who entered the property without permission. The subjects were arrested.

On 14 JUL, a THP trooper and a THP brush team responded to a **Drawbridge** alert regarding subjects walking inside a ranch property. The trooper assisted USBP agents with apprehending **five IAs**.

On 15 JUL, a THP trooper and a THP brush team responded to a ranch regarding a **Drawbridge** alert and arrested **four IAs** for criminal trespass.

On 20 JUL, a THP trooper and a THP brush team responded to a USBP radio transmission regarding a load vehicle. The vehicle fled from USBP agents, and a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a fence and onto private property, and the driver and several IAs bailed out. Aircraft personnel observed the driver clinging to vegetation and hiding along the US side of the riverbank. Additional troopers arrived, de-escalated the situation, and talked the driver back onto land. The driver and the **IA** were referred to USBP.

On 22 JUL, THP and Ohio State Patrol troopers conducted a traffic stop, when a **pursuit** ensued, and five subjects bailed out onto private property. The vehicle came to a stop, and the driver was apprehended. A THP brush team and USBP agents apprehended **four IAs**.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY SECTOR

On 01 JUL, a Brooks Co SO deputy took a report of human remains found on a ranch in Falfurrias. The remains were referred to the Brooks Co mobile morgue.

On 11 JUL, a Brooks Co SO deputy responded to a ranch in Falfurrias, where human remains were found. The remains were referred to the Brooks Co mobile morgue.

On 16 JUL, a THP trooper conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet Silverado 2500, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven through a ranch fence and was later located abandoned. The vehicle was reported stolen from Karnes Co. USBP agents apprehended **six IAs**, but the driver was not located.

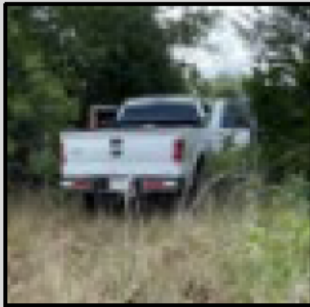
On 16 JUL, a THP trooper conducted a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was spiked and driven through a fence onto ranch property. A second vehicle believed to be connected to the first vehicle was located. The stolen vehicle and driver were not located.

On 17 JUL, a THP trooper observed a damaged ranch fence, and workers at the ranch believed a ranch vehicle was stolen and driven through the fence. Hidalgo Co SO and USBP were contacted for assistance. USBP believes the vehicle was involved in a pursuit.

COASTAL BEND SECTOR

On 03 JUL, Goliad Co SO deputies responded to a report of property damage and theft in Victoria. The deputies discovered that human smugglers cut a gate lock, entered the property, and stole multiple solar panels from the water wells.

On 06 JUL, Gonzales Co SO deputies responded to a property in Waelder regarding two stolen vehicles. No tire tracks were located, and no images were collected from the game camera.



On 07 JUL, a Gonzales Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a 2013 Ford F-150 on IH-10, when a **pursuit** exceeding 100 mph ensued. The vehicle crashed into a fence, and the deputy observed seven subjects flee on foot. The deputy canvassed the area but was unable to locate the seven subjects. However, other deputies referred **four IAs** to USBP.

On 03 JUL, a THP trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2021 GMC, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was traveling near IH-10 in Waelder and was driven through a fence line off US-90. Two subjects bailed out. The vehicle was reported stolen from Houston and was impounded.

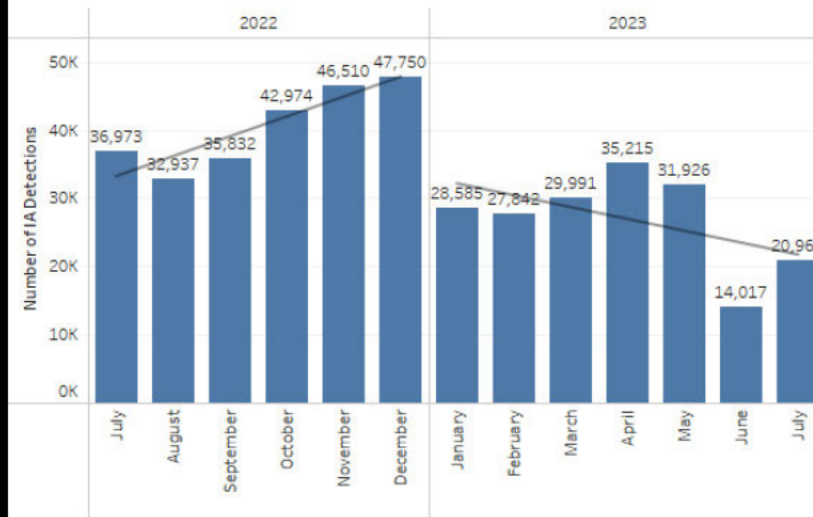
On 27 JUL, a Jim Wells Co SO deputy conducted a traffic stop on a black 2020 Ford F-250 bearing two different license plates on US-281, when a **pursuit** ensued. The vehicle was driven into Duval Co and through a property. THP troopers and USBP agents assisted and located the vehicle on the property. The vehicle was reported stolen from San Patricio Co and was impounded.



Statistical Summary – JUL 2023



Drawbridge IA Detections

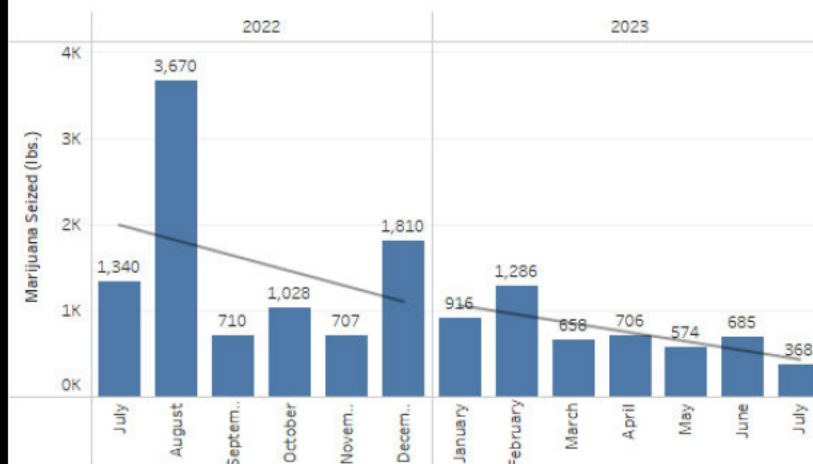


Operation Drawbridge Totals: Jul 2022 - Jul 2023

	Grand Total
IAs Detected	431,512
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	14,458
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	16
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	0
Meth Seized (lbs.)	0
Firearms Detected	4

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

Drawbridge Initiated Marijuana Seizures



Operation Drawbridge Totals: Jan 2012 - Jul 2023

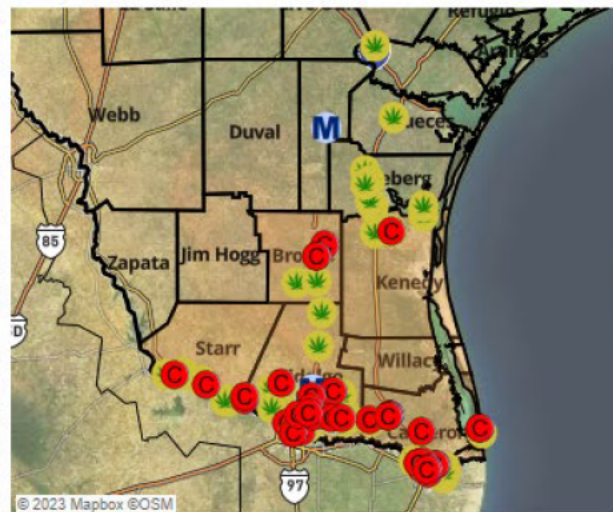
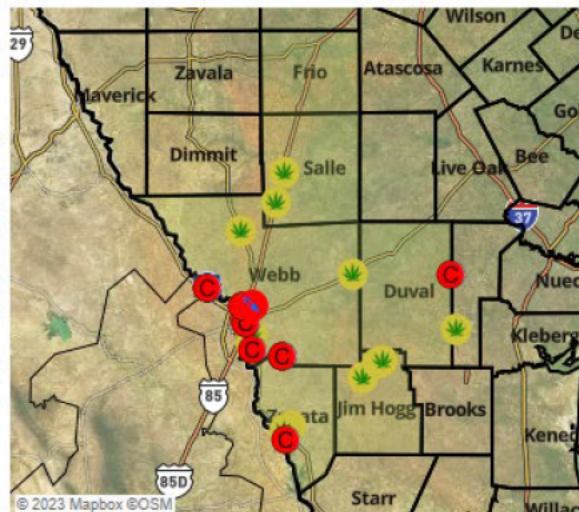
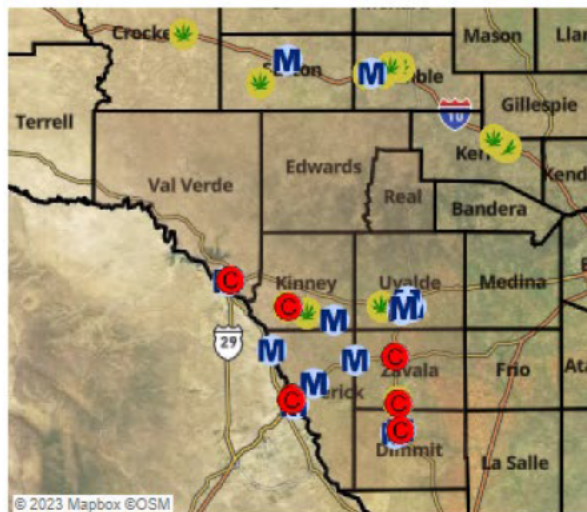
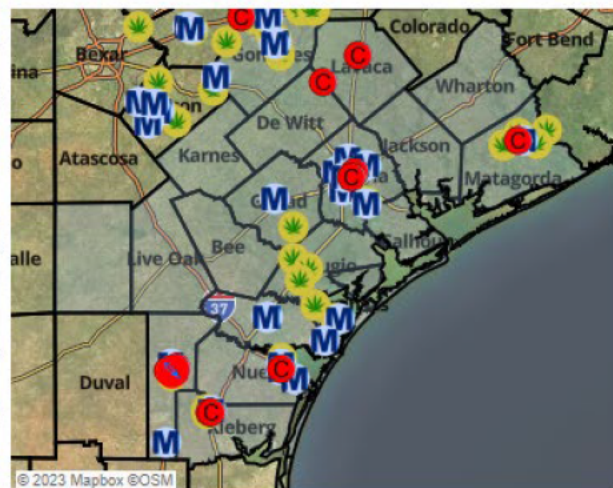
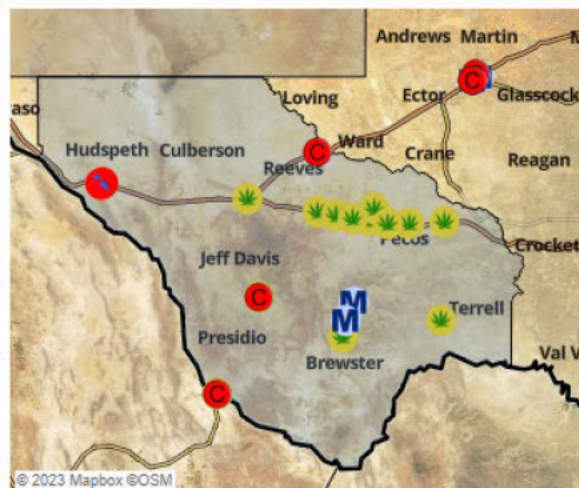
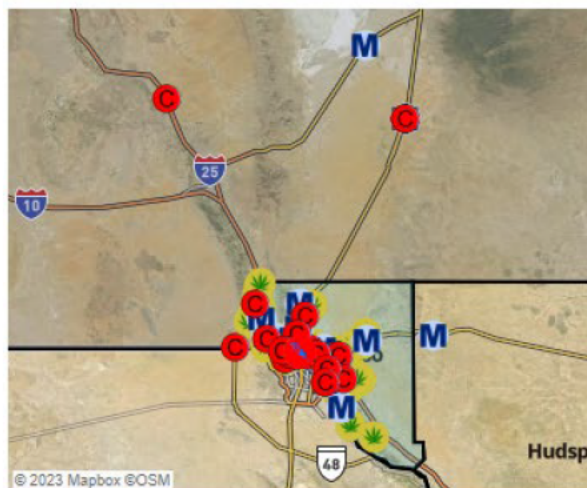
	Grand Total
IAs Detected	1,927,804
Marijuana Seized (lbs.)	637,548
Cocaine Seized (lbs.)	1,533
Heroin Seized (lbs.)	40
Meth Seized (lbs.)	205
Firearms Detected	110



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01 JUL - 31 JUL, 2023	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Va..	Coastal Bend	Total
Marijuana (lbs)	146	104	1,765	1	1,620	3	3,639
Cocaine (lbs)	159	18	89	178	145	1	589
Methamphetamine (lbs)	416	0	3	125	0	6	550
Heroin (lbs)	0	2	0	24	3	0	29





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Illegal Aliens by JOIC (01 JUL - 31 JUL, 2023)

	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Total
Total UA wT42	16,415	403	24,511	2,414	26,544	70,287
OTM	8,926	128	20,632	1,256	24,318	55,260

Total Pursuits and Bailouts (01 JUL - 31 JUL, 2023)

	El Paso	Big Bend	Del Rio	Laredo	Rio Grande Valley	Coastal Bend	Total
Pursuits	25	0	48	22	24	7	126
Bailouts	28	5	60	18	13	6	130



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