

BORDER OPERATIONS SECTOR ASSESSMENT

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Key Events and Findings

- Based on a tip received from a US citizen, Harlingen BP Agents in the RGV sector found a small, sophisticated marijuana farm near Los Indios, TX.
- In the Del Rio Sector, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer on US-90 in Brackettville, resulting in the seizure 33 lbs of cocaine concealed inside three vehicle batteries, all the same make/model previously seen during CBP and THP seizures (Champion 690).
- CBP Officers at the Pharr POE (Northbound) seized 10.58 kg of crystal methamphetamine in the engine manifold of a 2008 Toyota Tundra with Georgia license plates.
- CBP Officers at the Pharr POE (Outbound) seized a Browning 30-cal machine gun (aka M1919) in a hard case in the back seat of a 2006 Hummer H3 with TX license plates.
- On 08 FEB 2011, an unknown subject broke into a US Department of Treasury vehicle in Frisco, TX and stole blue triad EWH outer ballistic vest and a black mysafe A-DHSM outer ballistic vest with “IRS CI” and “Dept of Treasury” patches attached.
- On 02 FEB 2011, a collaboration between USBP Zapata Marine Unit and Special Operations Division (SOD) agents and Mexico's Ministry of National Defense forces resulted in the capture of two Zeta estaca members fleeing from Mexican military forces to the Texas side of the border .
- On 05 FEB 2011, gunmen killed two US teenagers at a used car lot in Juárez. The two US citizens were living in Juárez but attending private schools in El Paso, TX.

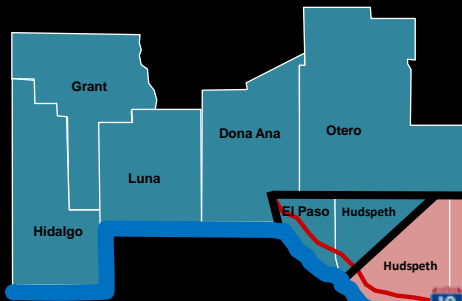
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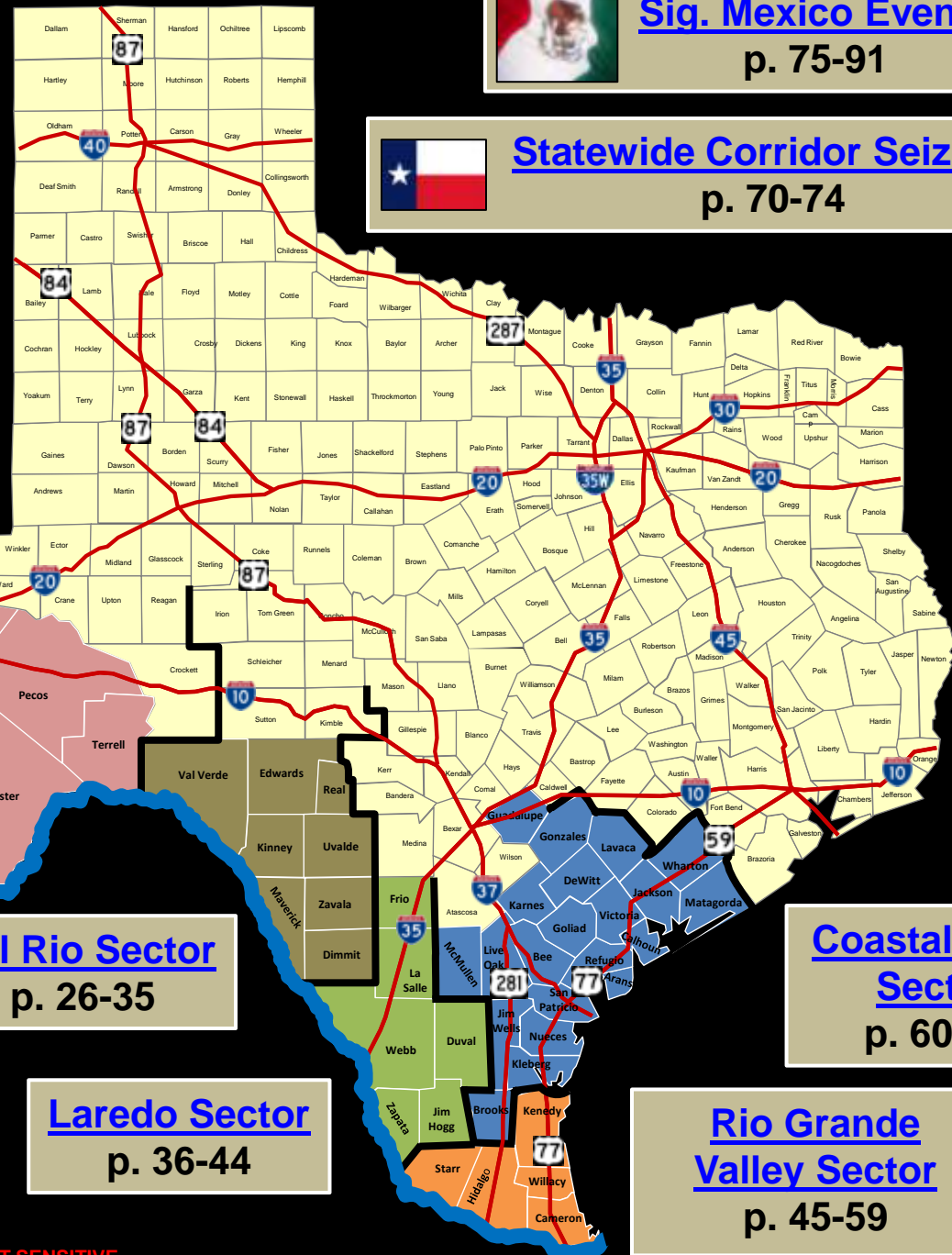
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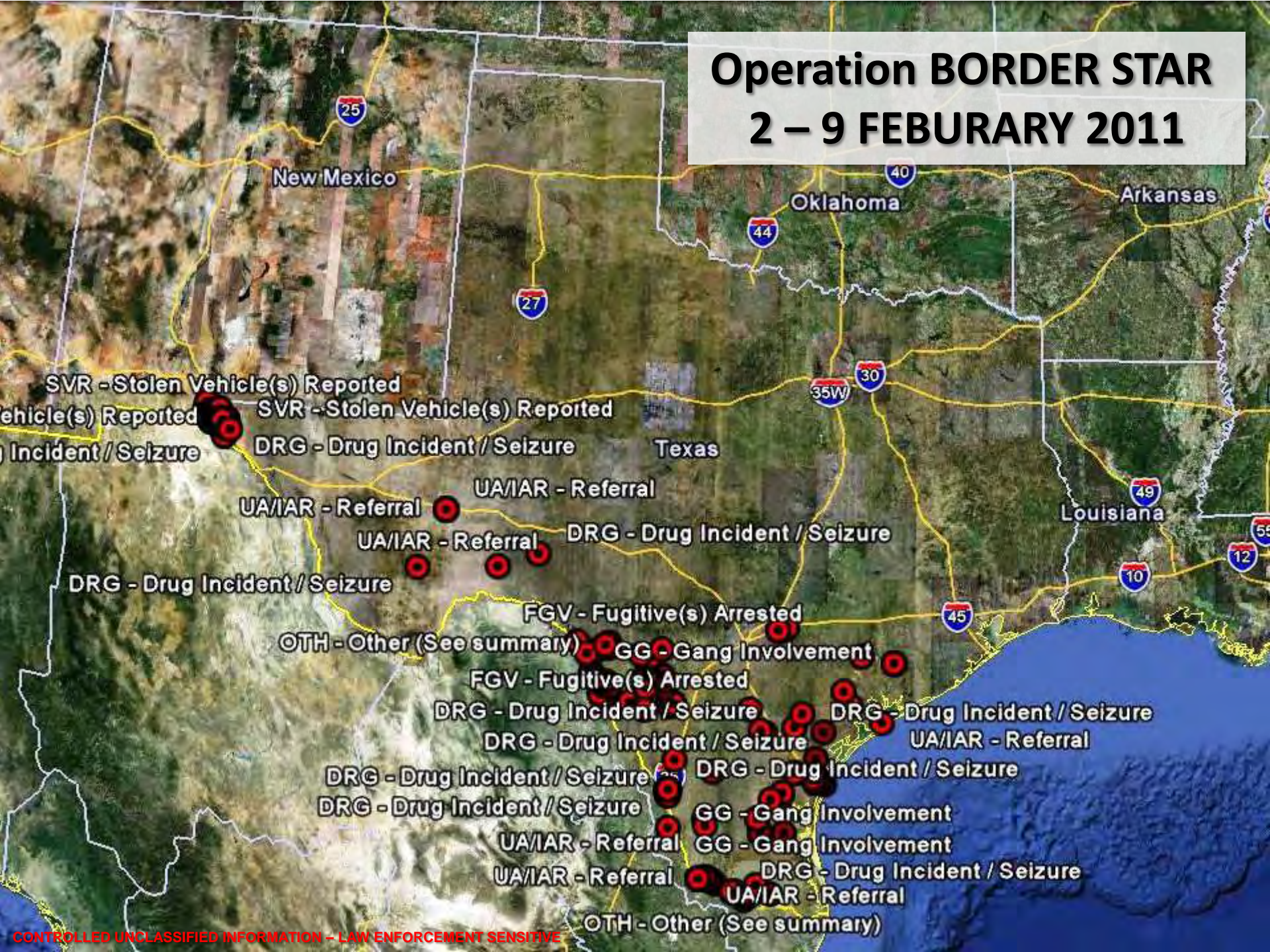
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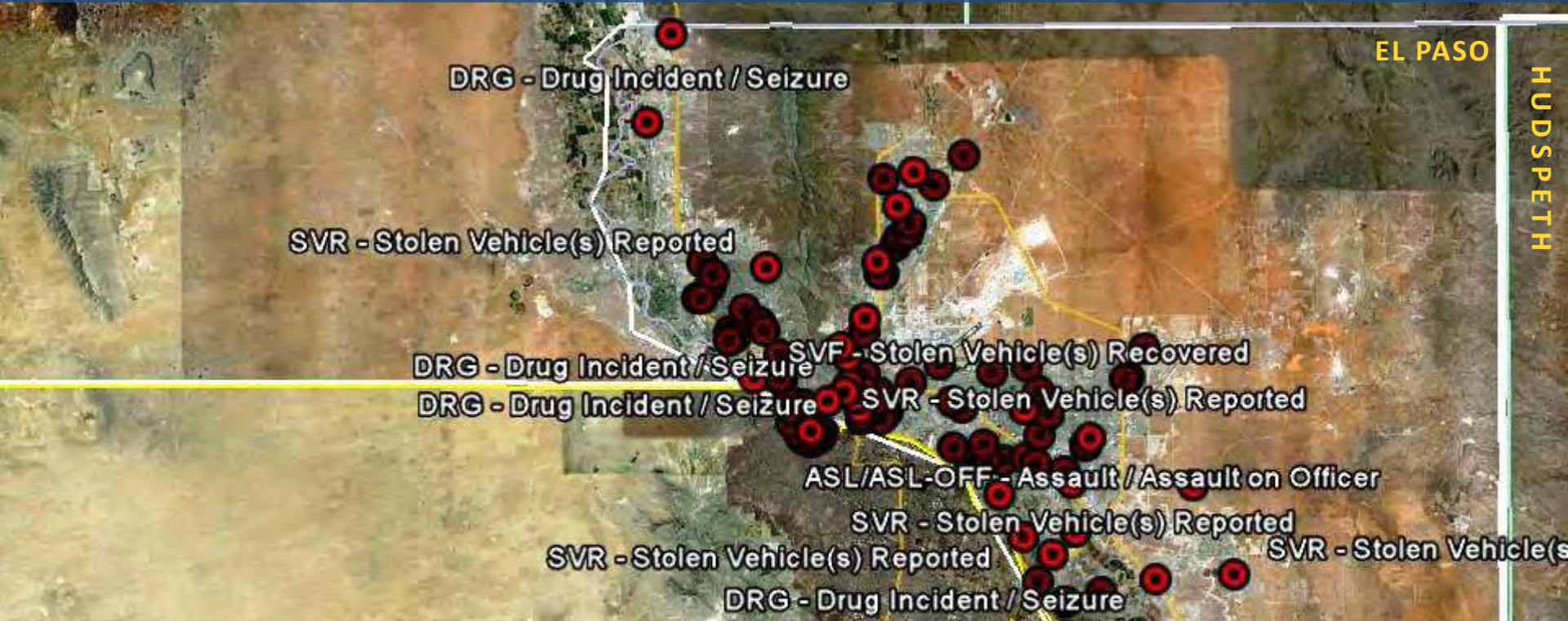
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EL PASO UNIFIED COMMAND SECTOR

2 – 9 FEB 2011



UNIFIED COMMAND MEMBERS

USBP	Hudspeth CO SO	El Paso ISD PD
CBP – OFO	Dona Ana CO SO (NM)	University of Texas El Paso PD
ICE	Grant CO SO (NM)	El Paso Community College PD
West TX HIDTA	Hidalgo CO SO (NM)	El Paso Office of Emergency Management
EPIC	Luna CO SO (NM)	Texas Tech University PD
TMF	Otero CO SO (NM)	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
DPS	Anthony PD	Texas Attorney General, El Paso
TPWD	El Paso PD	Union Pacific Railroad PD
US Army, Ft. Bliss CID	Horizon City PD	Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
El Paso CO SO	Ysleta Del Sur Tribal PD	El Paso County Constables

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El Paso Sector

The Unified Command provided the following reports:

Contraband Seizures		
Marijuana	2,351.78 lbs	
Cocaine	8.509 lbs	
Heroin	0.002 lbs	
Methamphetamine	0 lbs	
Currency	\$0.00	
Other	Ecstasy (10 pills) Prometh/Codine, (0.1 liter) Protonix, (8 pills)	
Weapons	Handgun(s)	1
	Long Gun(s)	1
	Explosive(s)	0

Illegal Alien Apprehensions		
IAs/Referrals	0	
IAs/USBP	140	
OTMs	3	
OTM Countries	Guatemala	1
	Algeria	1
	Brazil	1

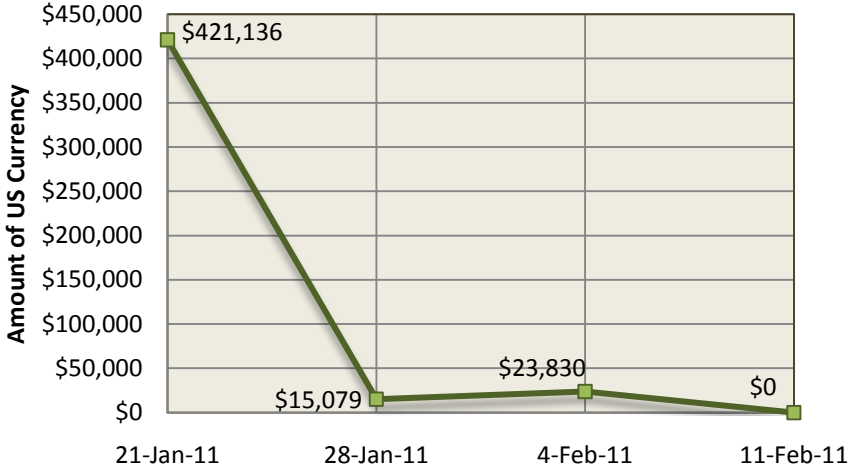
Vehicles Stolen / Recovered	
Stolen	33
Recovered	20

Absconds	0
Bailouts	0
Criminal Arrests	110
Fugitive Arrests	57
Gang Related Criminal Arrests	10
Pursuits	2
Scouts/Decoys	0

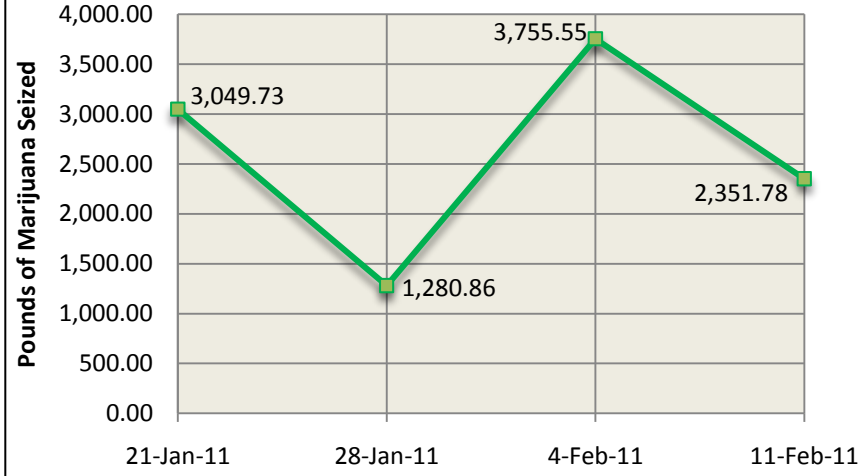
El Paso Sector

The Unified Command statistics over the past 4 weeks:

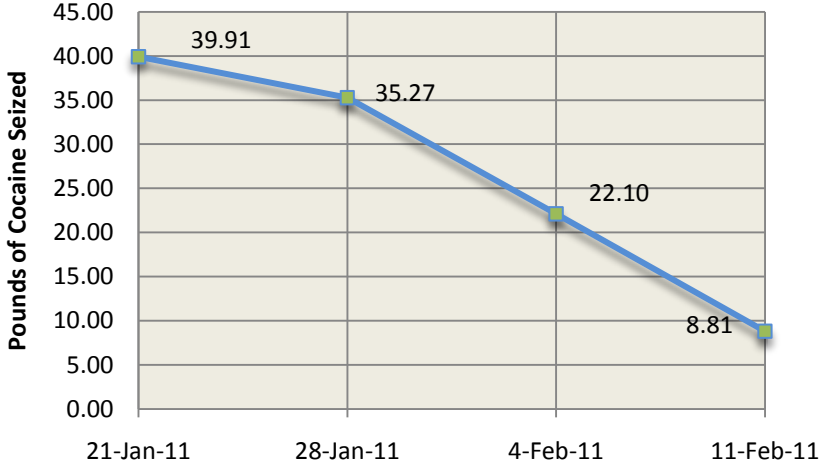
El Paso UC Currency Seizures



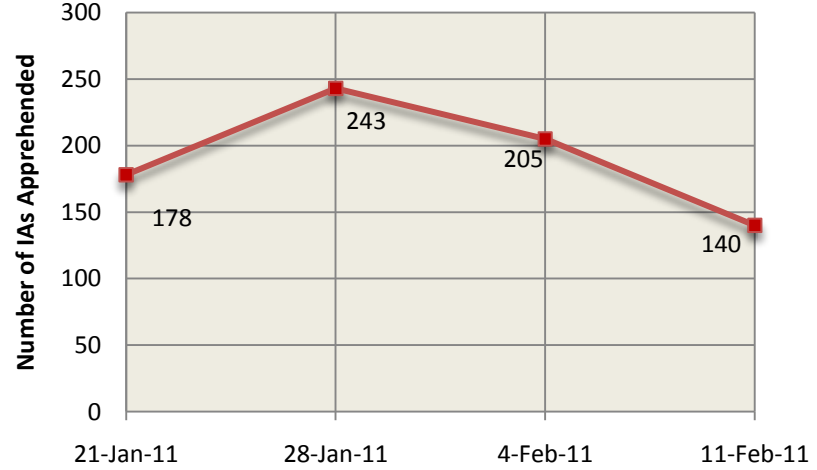
El Paso UC Marijuana Seizures



El Paso UC Cocaine Seizures



El Paso UC Illegal Aliens



Gang activity

Fifteen gang-related incidents were reported during this period involving sixteen arrests of members from fifteen different gangs. There were ten criminal and six fugitive arrests. The incidents involved: Assault on a Public Servant, DWI, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Violation of a Protective Order, Family Violence, and Family Assault. Another incident of interest involved an attempted murder of a **BARRIO AZTECA** gang member that was discovered in Socorro, TX with a screwdriver embedded into his chest.

Sur 13	Reyes Del Varrio	Lower Valley Hoodlums
Skunx	Texas Syndicate	Del Sherman Territory
Bloods	Segundo Barrio	Puro Barrio Sandoval
Folk	Barrio Azteca	Bud Smokers Only
Locos Vatos	Latin Kings	Valley Side Mob

El Paso County Jail Gang Housing Statistics

The Downtown Jail reports the following Gang Member Housing Statistics as of 08 FEB 2011:

Barrio Azteca Federal Inmates: 5 Active and 1 Ex-member	Barrio Azteca State Inmates: 7 Active and 3 Ex-members	Cartel Members: 3
Kidnapper: 1	Bloods: 2 (1 EX)	EPT Tango: 1
Paisas: 4	Sureno: 2	Texas Syndicate: 1 EX

The Jail Annex reports the following Gang Member Housing Statistics as of 09 FEB 2011:

Barrio Azteca State Inmates: 48 Active and 24 Ex-members	Aryan groups: 3	Bloods: 10
Cartel Members: 3	Folk: 26	Latin Kings: 5
(Texas) Mexican Mafia: 5	Paisas: 8	Sureno: 38
Tango: 11	Texas Syndicate: 3	

Within the Folk and People Nations alliances, the individual gangs have their own unique colors, hand signs, alphabets, or codes. They show their allegiance to their allies as well as their rivals by "representing" through symbols, colors, graffiti, hand signs and slang words.

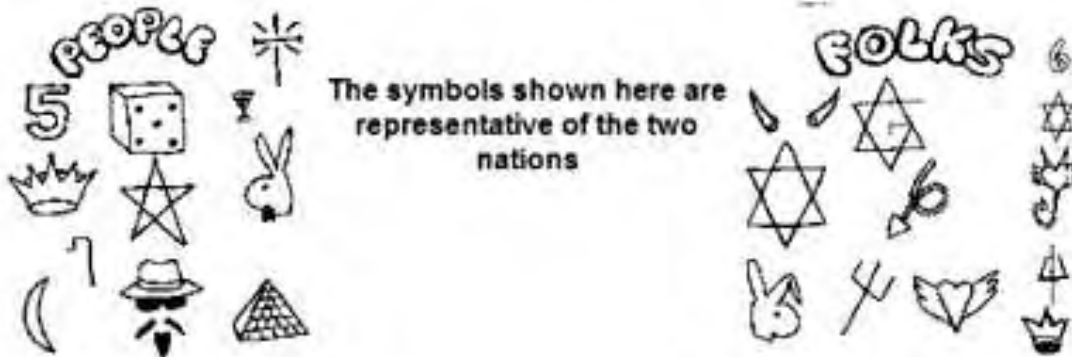


Members of both Nations also demonstrate their affiliation by indicators on the left or right side of the body. A member of the Folk Nation will usually wear his colors on the right side of the body, will wear a cap tilted to the right or he may roll up his right pants leg. Members of the People Nation may demonstrate their affiliation from the left side of the body. The color blue is generally associated with the Folks Nation, while red is the color of choice for the People Nation.



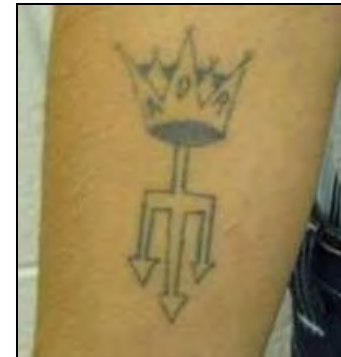
Although all of the information above is correct in most instances, over the years, gangs that do not follow the historical aspects of the nations and of the traditional gangs, have formed. These gangs are known as hybrid gangs, and even though their gang name they may that of a well known

traditional gang, they have been known to wear colors, or use signs and symbols, of a rival gang.



Folk Nation gang members are the rivals of People Nation gang members. Gangs such as the Black Gorilla Family and Gangster Disciples are under the Folk Nation. Their symbols include the number 6, the 6 point star of David, and an upright pitchfork. The El Paso Police Department's gang data base shows approximately 287 confirmed Folk Nation gang members within El Paso.

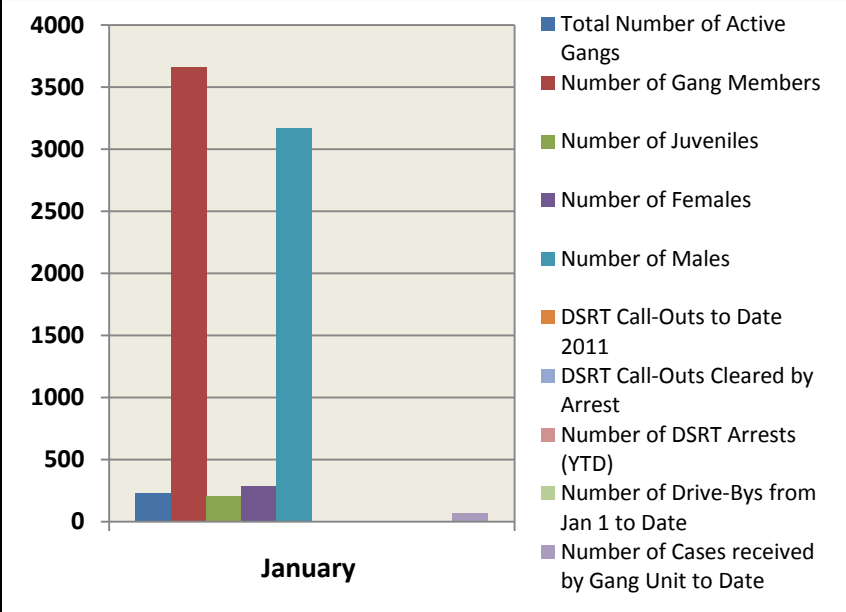
The Latin Kings or Almighty Latin King/Queen Nation are a subset of the People Nation. The diagram to the left shows the differences in their symbols. The People Nation use the number 5, and to show disrespect to the Folk Nation, will display Folk Nation symbols upside down. Latin Kings will use lion tattoos, five or three point crowns, the letters "ALKQN" or "ADR" (Amor De Rey), and may also use the numbers "1 4 18" which correspond to the letters "A D R". The El Paso Police Department's gang data base shows approximately 190 confirmed Latin King gang members within El Paso.



Gang activity (cont)

El Paso PD Gang Unit Statistics

Source: EL PASO PD Gang UNIT	January	February
Total Number of Active Gangs	228	
Number of Gang Members	3660	
Number of Juveniles	206	
Number of Females	286	
Number of Males	3168	
DSRT Call-Outs to Date 2011**	4	
DSRT Call-Outs Cleared by Arrest**	3	
Number of DSRT Arrests (YTD)**	7	
Number of Drive-Bys from Jan 1 to Date	0	
Number of Cases received by Gang Unit to Date	71	



**DSRT: Drive By Shooting Response Team

El Paso ISD/Socorro ISD – Blue Card Incidents January 2011

School District	School	Gang	# of Incidents
El Paso ISD	Austin High School	Three Six Mafia	1
El Paso ISD	El Paso High School	Sunset Territory	1
El Paso ISD	Wiggs Middle School	Barrio Canuto Street Gang	1
Socorro ISD	Clark Middle School	Original Gangster Posse	2
Socorro ISD	Americas High School	Original Gangster Posse	1

Local law enforcement agencies complete blue cards on juveniles and adults suspected of gang involvement or in the company of gang members. Six juvenile gang members from four different gangs were documented from processed Blue Cards. The listed juveniles were attending: three high schools and two middle schools. In El Paso County, the blue cards are turned into the El Paso PD Gang Unit. Information is based on number of “Blue Cards” as of 08 February 2011.

Gang activity (cont)

El Paso County SHOCAP Data Sheet

SHOCAP stands for Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program. The El Paso County SHOCAP Task Force entails officers from various law enforcement agencies and the El Paso County Attorney's office. There are currently 52 juveniles in the SHOCAP program with 45 listed as gang members attending 22 public schools. The following is a breakdown of the gang members enrolled in a public school and what gang they belong to. Current as of 08 FEB 2011.

District School	School	Gang
El Paso ISD	Delta Academy	Sur 13, Sunset Territory, Segundo Barrio Kings, Hoover Crip, Puro Barrio Sandoval, Hacienda Heights, Latin Kings, Valley Side Mob
	El Paso High	Sunset Territory, One Deuce Click
	Burges High School	Varrío San Juan
	Irvin High	Ruthless Gang
	Chapin High	Sur 13
	Bassett Middle	Brown City Gang
	Wiggs Middle School	Barrio Canuto Rifa
	Bassett Middle School	Brown City Gang
Canutillo ISD	Canutillo High	Barrio Los Compadres
Socorro ISD	Options High School	Mexican Crazy Killers
	Keys Academy	Thug Nation Soldier
	Americas High	Varrío Gatos Locos
	Socorro High School	Varrío Glenwood Street
Ysleta ISD	Parkland High	Varrío North East
	Cesar Chavez Academy	Varrío Gatos Locos
	Bel Air High	Brothers For Life, Sur 13, Lower Valley Criminals
	Ysleta High	Black Guerilla Family
	Paso Del Norte Academy	Sur 13, Varrío Hacienda Heights
	Riverside High School	Valley Side Mob, Time For Crime
	Hanks High	Varrío Hacienda Heights, Latin Kings, Varrío Gatos Locos
Tejas Academy	Varrío North East	

Additional information

On 05 FEB 2011, CBP-OFO Officers at Santa Teresa POE seized 55.12 lbs of marijuana concealed inside the rear Fenders of a 1979 Chevy Silverado.



On 01 FEB 2011, CBP-OFO Officers at the Bridge of the Americas POE seized:

- 8.51 lbs of cocaine concealed within the transfer case of a 2003 Ford Expedition.



- 54.12 lbs of marijuana that was concealed inside the false floor of a 2008 Nissan Sentra.



Additional information (cont)

CBP-OFO Officers at the Paso Del Norte POE:



- On 02 FEB 2011, seized 51.37 lbs of marijuana that was concealed within the quarter panels of a 1999 Mitsubishi Eclipse.
- On 06 FEB 2011, seized 65.92 lbs of marijuana that was concealed inside the spare tire of a 2005 Chevrolet Suburban.



Additional information (cont)

On 05 FEB 2011, CBP-OFO Officers at the Paso Del Norte POE seized:

- 69.23 lbs of marijuana concealed within the quarter panels of a 1995 Chrysler Sebring.



- 53.90 lbs of marijuana that was concealed inside the spare tire of a 1997 Chevy Tahoe.



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On 03 FEB 2011, CBP-OFO Officers at the Bridge of the Americas POE seized 18.30 lbs of marijuana concealed inside the center console of a 2000 Pontiac Bonneville.



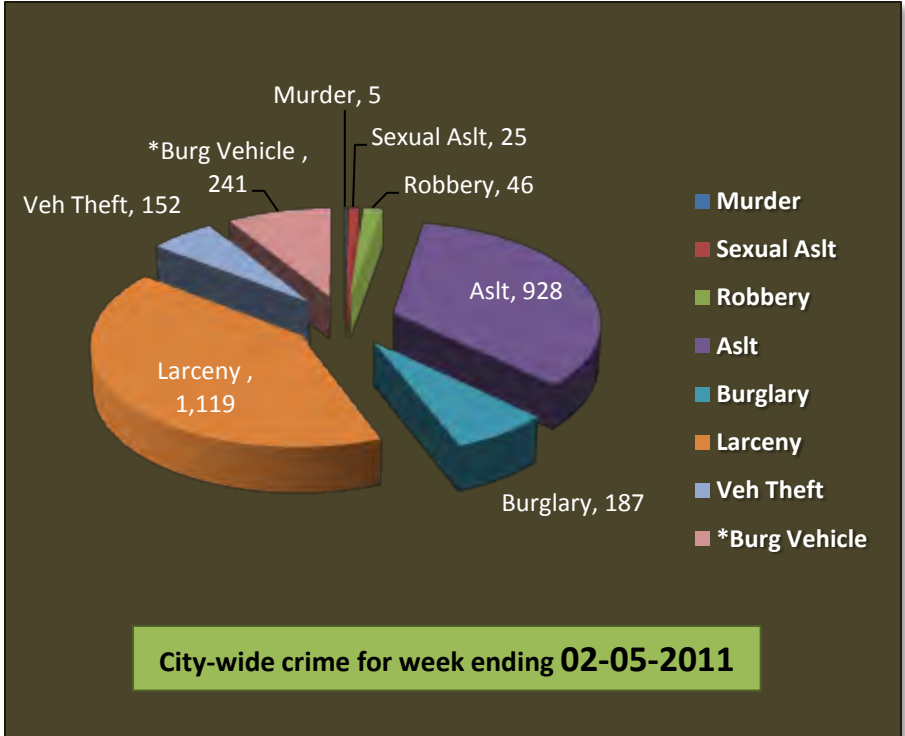
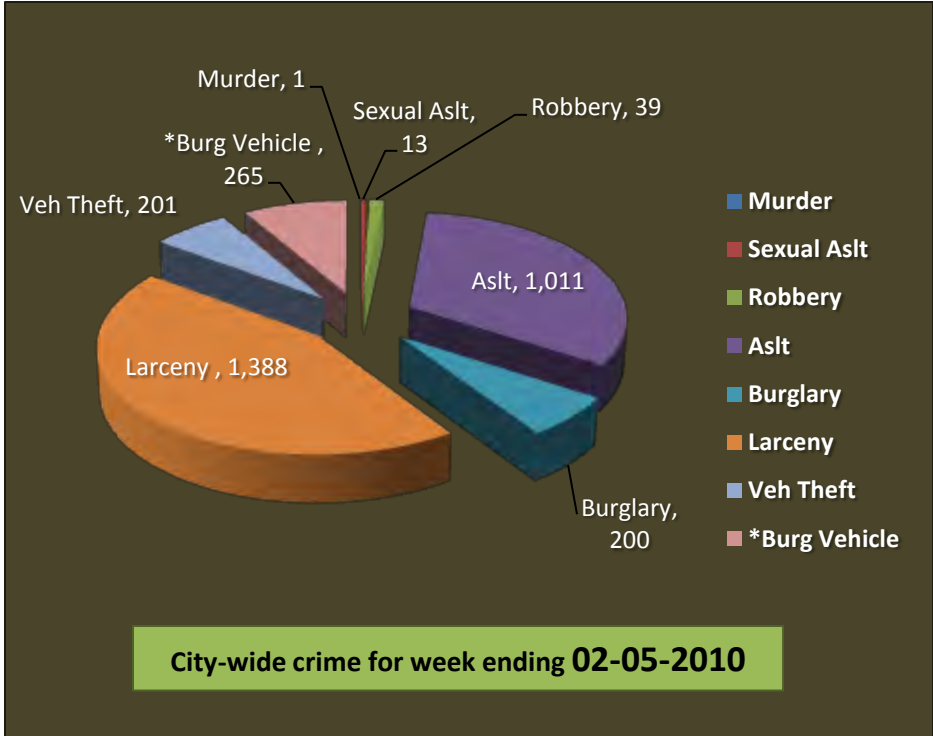
On 03 FEB 2011, CBP-OFO Officers at the Ysleta POE seized 22.40 lbs of marijuana concealed inside the quarter panels, rocker panels and doors of a 1997 Saturn SW2.



El Paso JOIC's Sector Assessment

City-wide index crime continues to show a decrease compared to the same time frame last year. Comparing 2010 to 2011 for the same time frame, there is a 400% increase in murders (4), 92% increase (12) in sexual assaults, 18% increase (7) in robberies, an 8% decrease (83) in assaults, a 7% decrease (13) in burglary, and a 24% decrease (24) in vehicle theft. It is noteworthy that overall crime continues to remain low with the continued population increase. (Charts and Graph Source: El Paso PD)

Citywide (YTD through Feb 5th, 2011)			
Offense	2010	2011	% Change
Murder	1	5	400%
Sexual Assault	13	25	92%
Robbery	39	46	18%
Assault	1,011	928	-8%
Burglary	200	187	-7%
Larceny	1,388	1,119	-19%
Vehicle Theft	201	152	-24%
*Burglary Vehicle	265	241	-9%
Total:	1,739	1,567	-10%



El Paso JOIC's Sector Assessment (cont)

The El Paso Sector experienced a decrease in seizures of marijuana, cocaine and currency. Also, the El Paso UC saw an increase in stolen vehicles reported as well as recovered. Of the total 2,351 lbs of marijuana seized, 314 lbs was seized at the Bridge of the Americas, 22 lbs at the Ysleta POE, 240 lbs at the Paso Del Norte POE, 359 lbs at the Fabens POE, 55 lbs at the Santa Teresa POE, and 1,283 lbs in the Lordsburg area. There were 39 reported marijuana seizures with vehicle load sizes ranging from 18 to 200 lbs.

During the past two reporting periods, there has been a notable poundage increase in marijuana seizures at the Fabens POE. The Fabens POE is the smallest of five POE's within the El Paso sector, and historically has the lowest amount of contraband seizures due to limited vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

During this reporting period, IA apprehensions have decreased to 140 from the previous week's 205. The five week total for IA apprehension's in the El Paso Sector is **885** with **57** being other than Mexican (OTM).



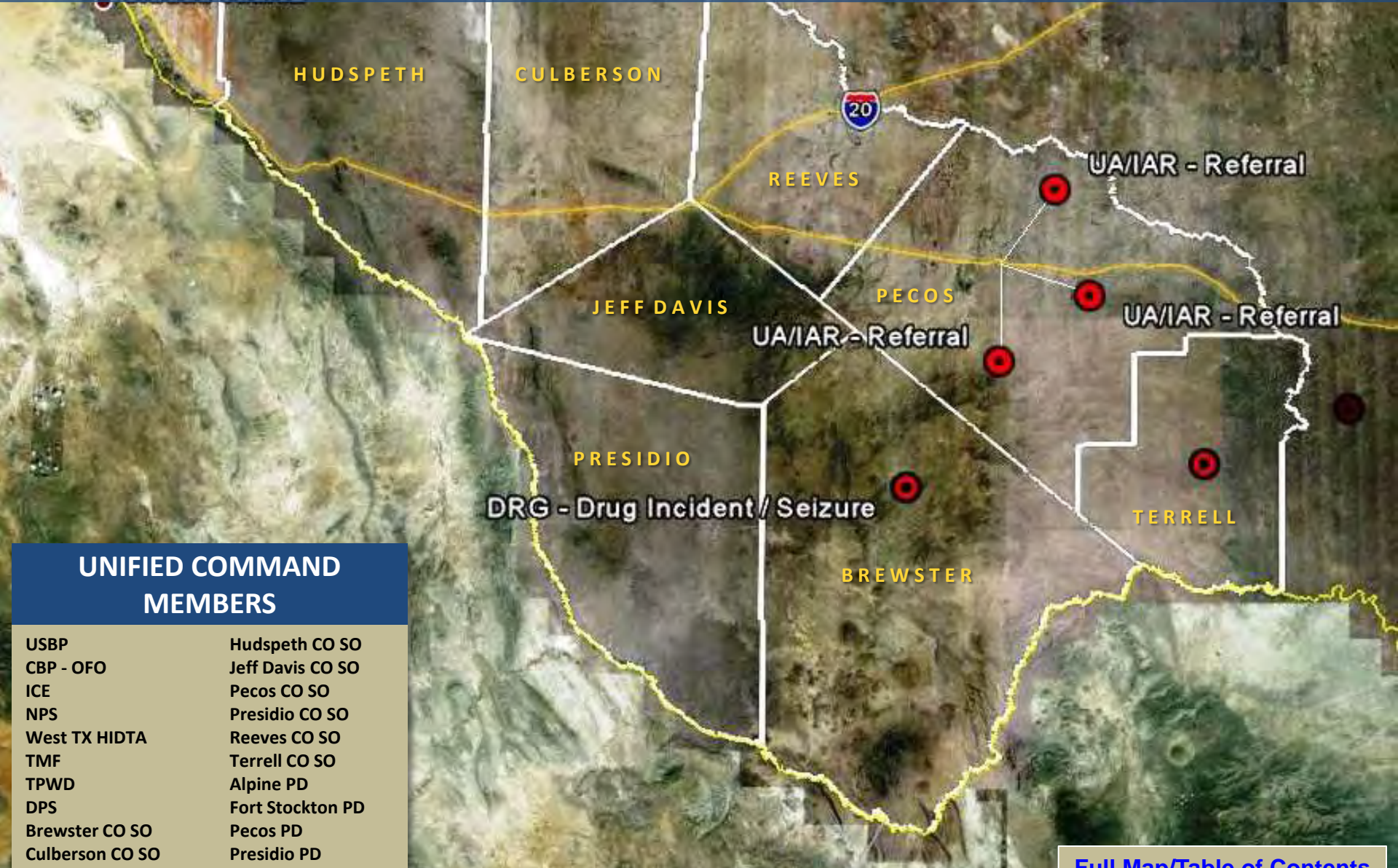
<u>Total Apprehensions 2011</u>	
05-11 JAN:	119
12-18 JAN:	178
19-25 JAN:	243
26 JAN – 1 FEB:	205
02-09 FEB:	140



Fabens Port of Entry

MARFA UNIFIED COMMAND SECTOR

2 – 9 FEB 2011



UNIFIED COMMAND MEMBERS

USBP	Hudspeth CO SO
CBP - OFO	Jeff Davis CO SO
ICE	Pecos CO SO
NPS	Presidio CO SO
West TX HIDTA	Reeves CO SO
TMF	Terrell CO SO
TPWD	Alpine PD
DPS	Fort Stockton PD
Brewster CO SO	Pecos PD
Culberson CO SO	Presidio PD

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Marfa Sector

The Unified Command provided the following reports:

Contraband Seizures		
Marijuana	3,767.55 lbs	
Cocaine	0.01 lbs	
Heroin	0.001 lbs	
Methamphetamine	0.008 lbs	
Currency	\$0.00	
Other	Mushrooms (0.01 lbs) Hashish (0.05 lbs) Tylenol W/ Codeine (3 pills)	
Weapons	Handgun(s)	2
	Long Gun(s)	1
	Explosive(s)	0

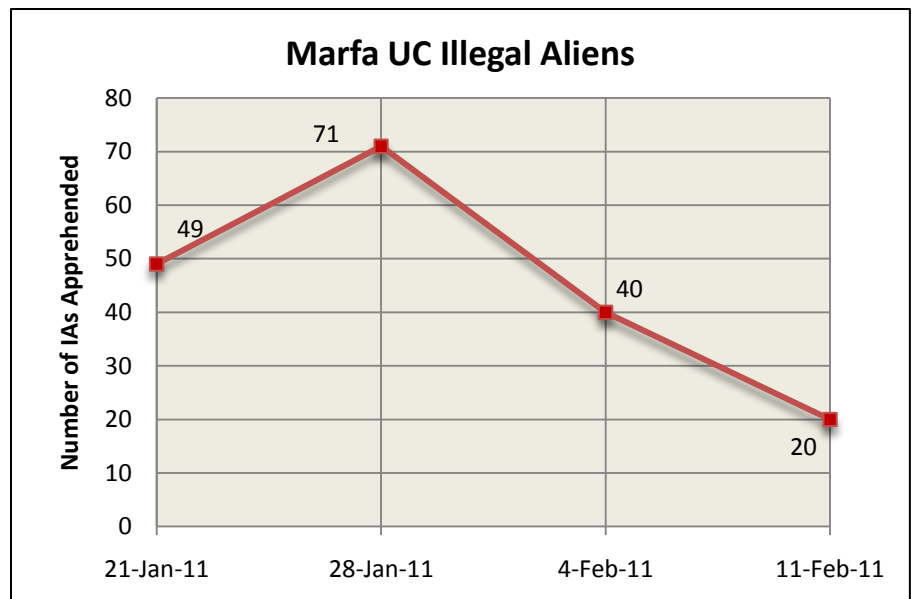
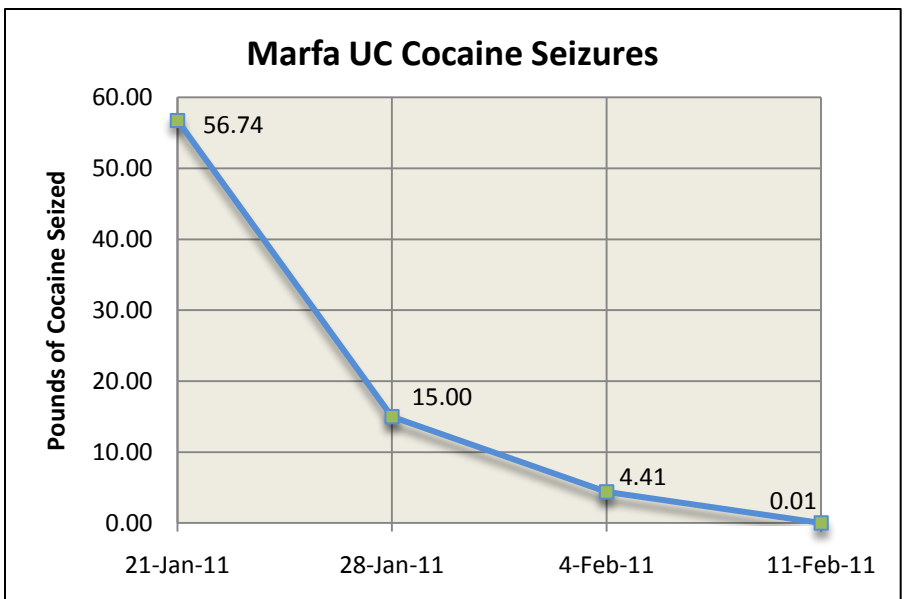
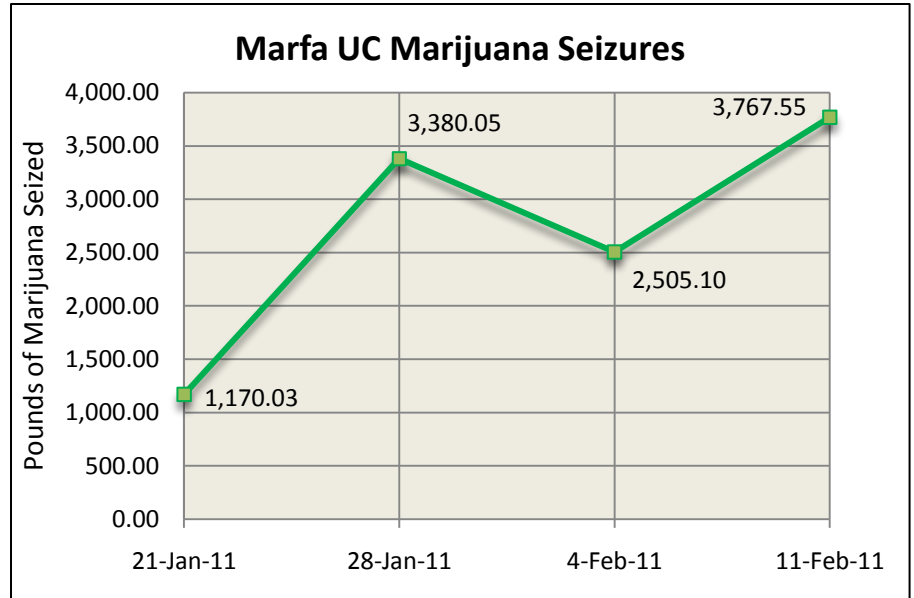
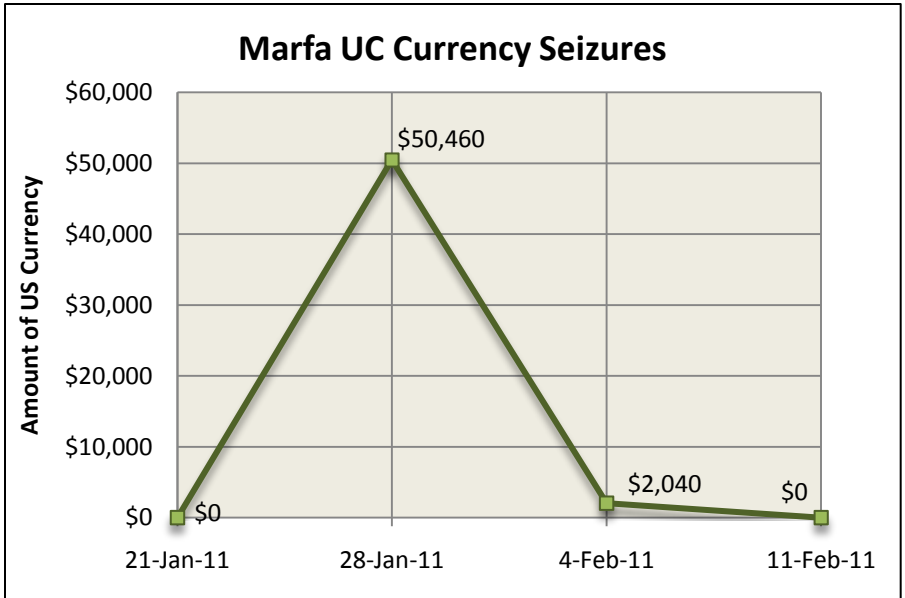
Illegal Alien Apprehensions		
IAs/Referrals	1	
IAs/USBP	20	
OTMs	3	
OTM Countries	El Salvador	1
	Philippines	1
	Sri Lanka	1

Vehicles Stolen / Recovered	
Stolen	0
Recovered	0

Absconds	1
Bailouts	0
Criminal Arrests	68
Fugitive Arrests	0
Gang Related Criminal Arrests	0
Pursuits	1
Scouts/Decoys	0

Marfa Sector

The Unified Command statistics over the past 4 weeks:



Additional information

USBP Agents in Presidio Co seized 2,681.7 lbs of marijuana and arrested one USC in a white 2005 Truck Tractor/Semi Trailer. The marijuana, vehicle, and subject were turned over to the DEA.



Metal boxes containing marijuana



Narcotics hidden inside metal boxes, under metal floor sheeting in the bed of the flat bed semi-trailer.



Additional information (cont)

USBP Agents in Presidio Co seized 72.90 lbs of marijuana and arrested two USC subjects in a white 2004 GMC Sierra on US-67 south of Marfa, TX. The marijuana discovered inside the spare tire of the vehicle. The marijuana, vehicle, and subjects were turned over to the DEA.



Pecos Co SO Deputy in Sheffield, TX, seized 389.19 lbs of marijuana and arrested one USC on SH-290. The narcotics were hidden in the back cargo area under a blanket. The case was turned over to DEA for disposition.



Additional information (cont)

USBP Agents in:



Military style duffle bags



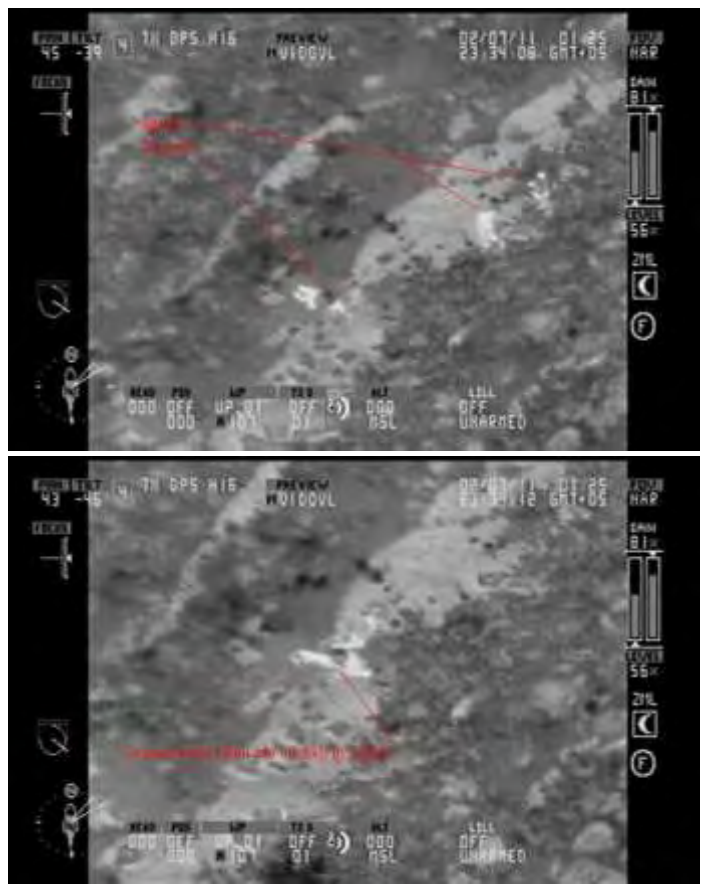
Vehicle driven off road and into brush.



- Hudspeth Co with assistance from Marfa Sector Air Ops seized 392.05 lbs of marijuana and arrested two IAs after a pursuit in a white Chevrolet 2500. The marijuana, vehicle, and subjects were turned over to ICE.
- Brewster Co seized 162.50 lbs of marijuana and arrested one USC in a white 2001 Ford F-150 on SH-118 south of Alpine, TX. The marijuana, vehicle, and subject were turned over to the DEA. The narcotics were located in clothes baskets concealed under blankets and other items of clothing.



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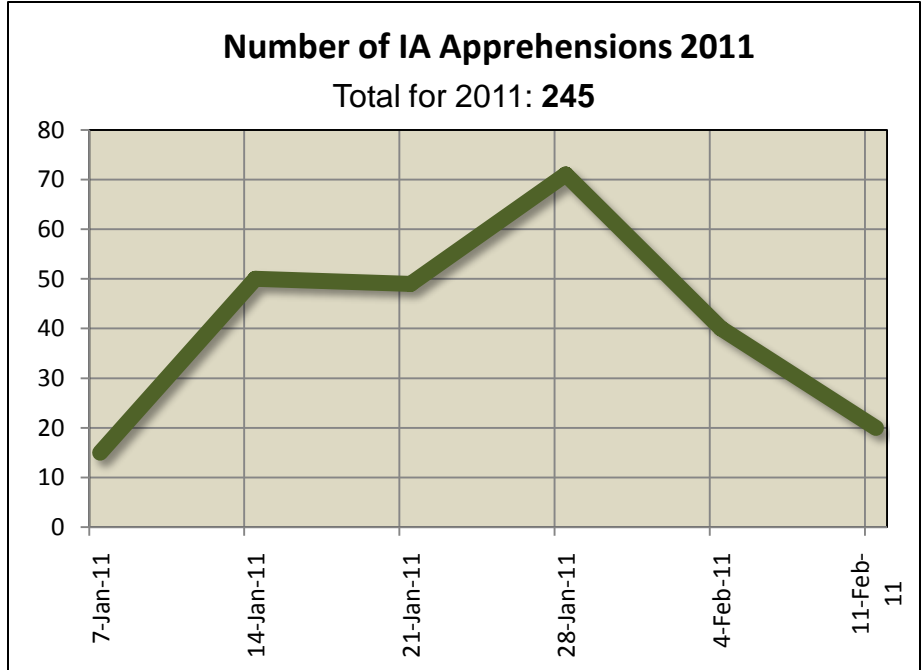
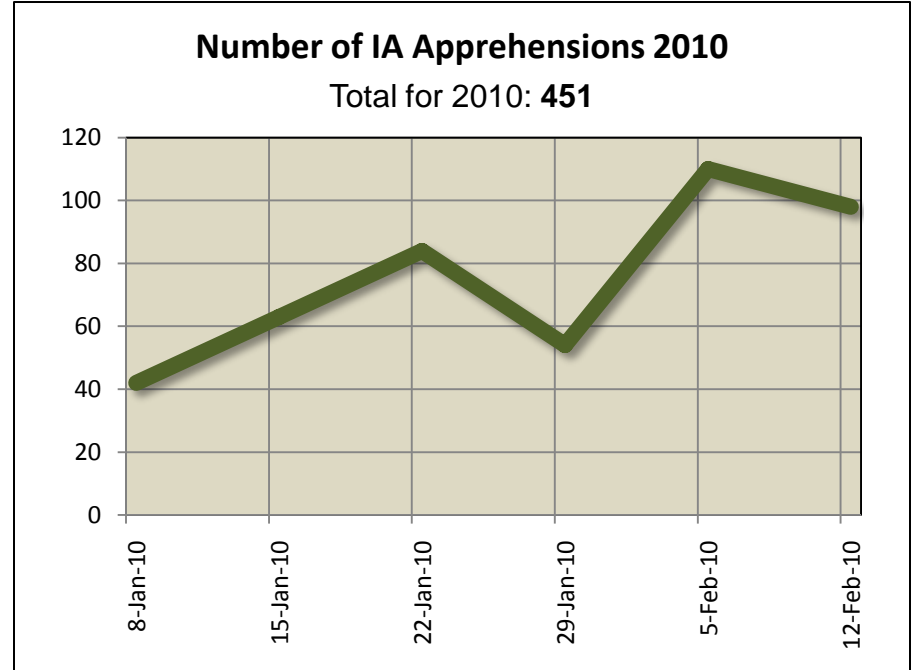


US CBP Agents requested assistance from DPS Air 116, north of Dryden to assist agents who had a vehicle evade northbound on SH-349. The driver crashed the vehicle and fled on foot. The USBP Agents seized approximately 392 lbs of marijuana in the vehicle and began tracking subject(s) into the brush. The aircrew assisted locating a single suspect with an IR camera, who later admitted to the agents that he had been one of several individuals who had backpacked the narcotics from Mexico to a location in Terrell Co. The subject was trying to conceal himself in the brush approximately 1 mile west of the roadway. The aircrew directed the agents to the location of the suspect and he was taken into custody.

Marfa Unified Command Sector Assessment

Marijuana seizures are up this week by 1,262.45 pounds or 51% to 3,767.55 lbs, as compared to last week's total of 2,505.10 lbs. The largest marijuana seizure was 2,681.7 lbs seized from a commercial vehicle truck tractor semi-trailer flatbed at the Presidio Co Checkpoint by USBP. The second largest seizure was 389.19 lbs of marijuana seized by the Pecos Co SO located on the rear cargo area of a SUV. The single commercial vehicle seizure of 2,681.7 lbs accounted for more than 2/3 the total amount of marijuana seized this reporting period. This continues a trend of large loads being apprehended in commercial vehicles over the past three weeks. Operation GEAR JAMMER is scheduled to begin this month with numerous federal, state and local partners concentrating on commercial vehicles.

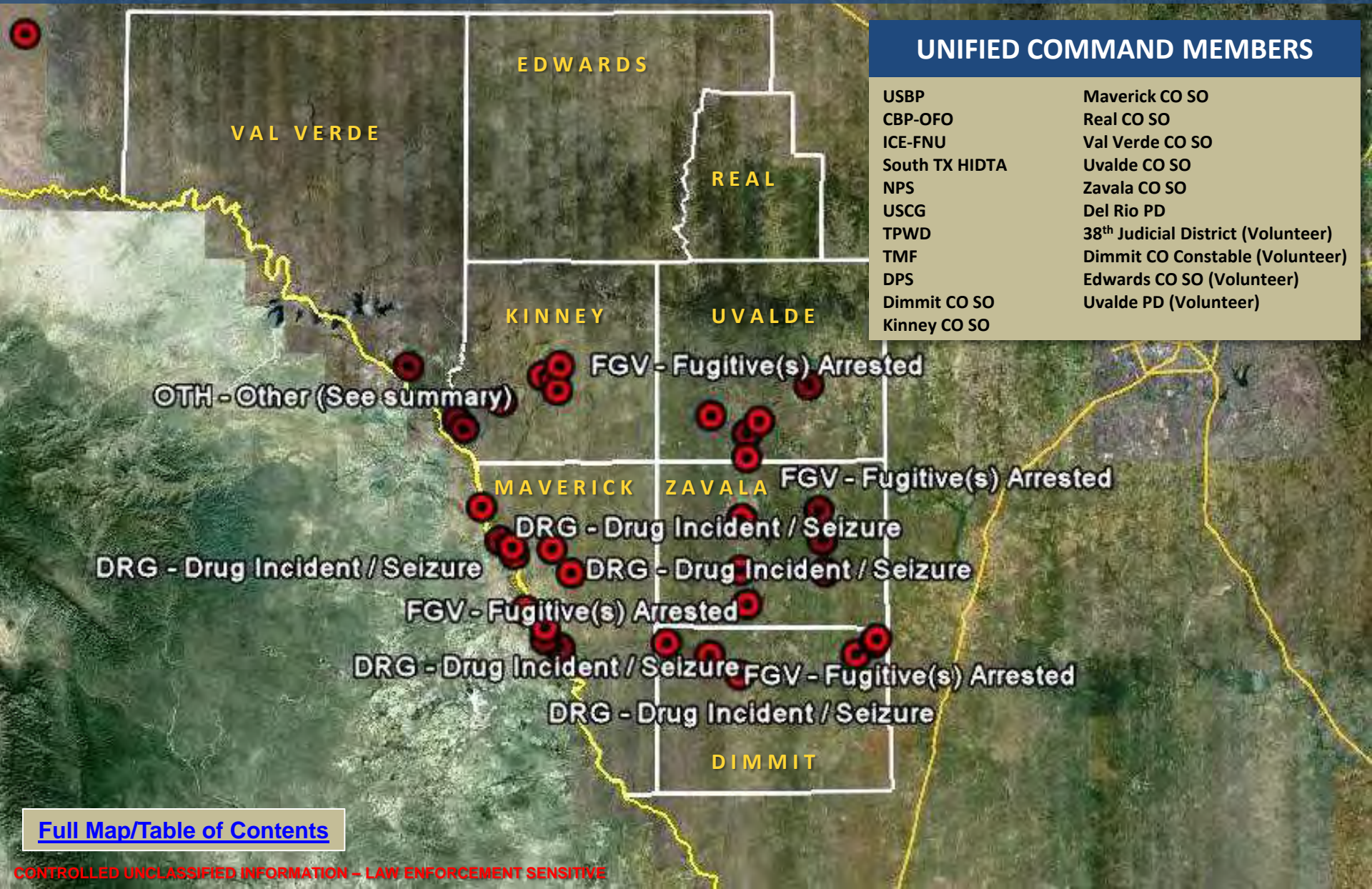
Weapon seizures were up this week with 3 firearms seized, while IA apprehensions were down across the entire area. As a whole, IA apprehensions for the first six weeks of 2011 are significantly lower (by approximately one half) than the levels at the same period last year for the sector.



DEL RIO UNIFIED COMMAND SECTOR

DRG - Drug Incident / Seizure

2 - 9 FEB 2011



UNIFIED COMMAND MEMBERS

USBP	Maverick CO SO
CBP-OFO	Real CO SO
ICE-FNU	Val Verde CO SO
South TX HIDTA	Uvalde CO SO
NPS	Zavala CO SO
USCG	Del Rio PD
TPWD	38 th Judicial District (Volunteer)
TMF	Dimmit CO Constable (Volunteer)
DPS	Edwards CO SO (Volunteer)
Dimmit CO SO	Uvalde PD (Volunteer)
Kinney CO SO	

OTH - Other (See summary)

FGV - Fugitive(s) Arrested

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Del Rio Sector

The Unified Command provided the following reports:

Contraband Seizures		
Marijuana		2,454.91 lbs
Cocaine		93.48 lbs
Heroin		0 lbs
Methamphetamine		0 lbs
Currency		\$0
Other		N/A
Weapons	Handgun(s)	0
	Long Gun(s)	0
	Ammunition	0

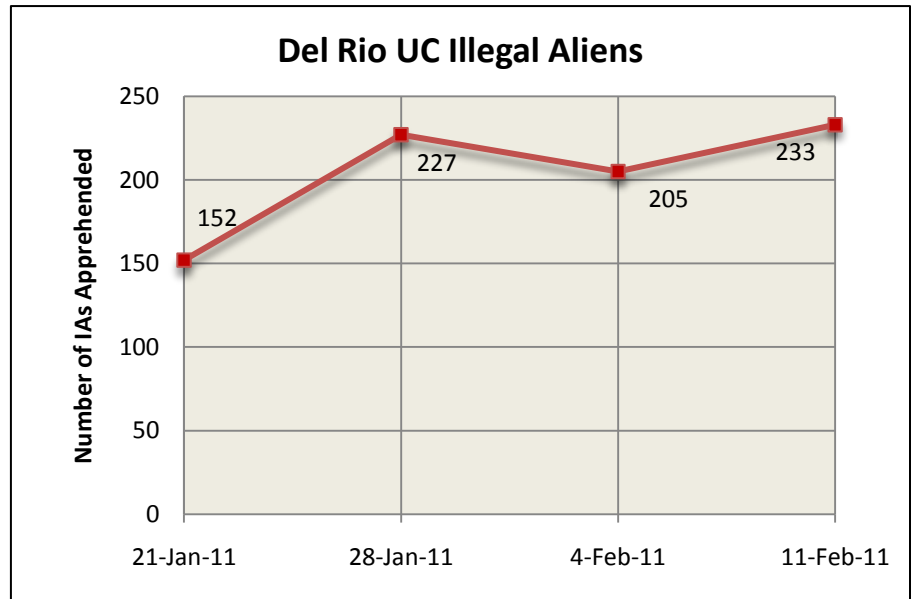
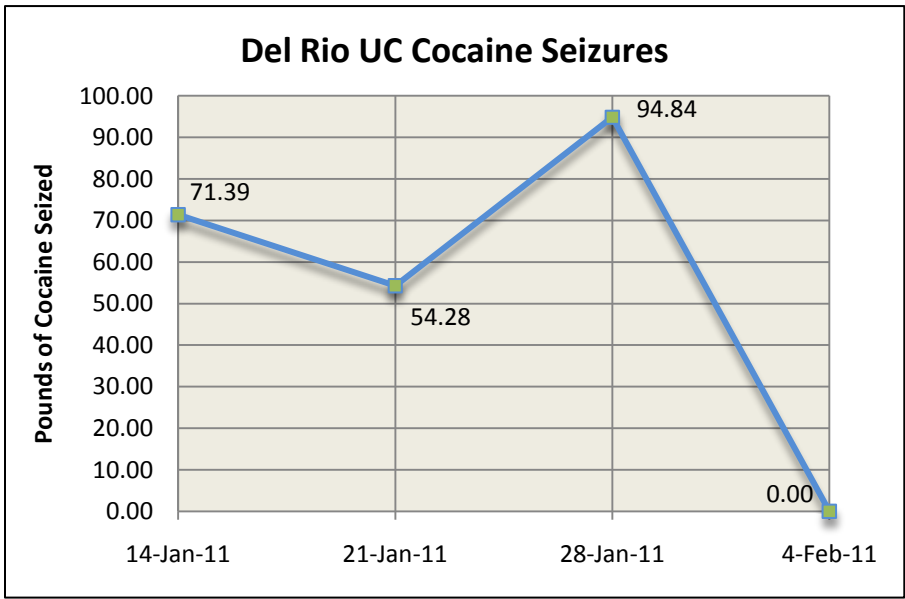
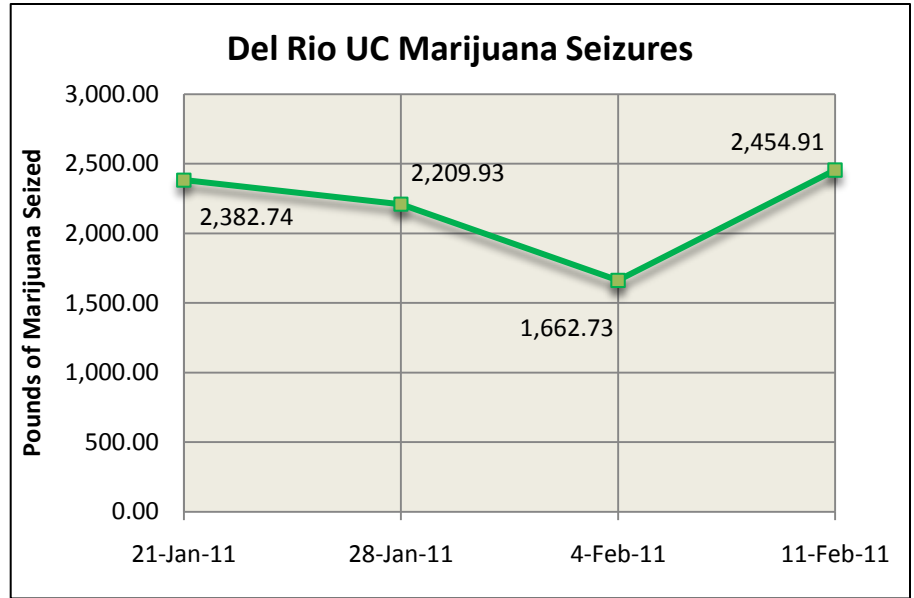
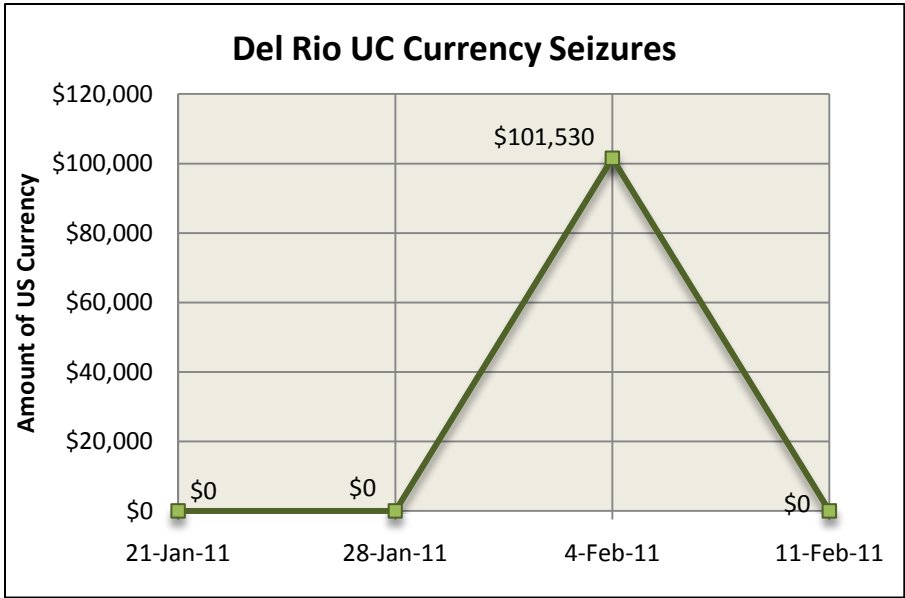
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	<i>Guatemala</i>	6
	<i>Honduras</i>	13
	<i>India</i>	1
	<i>Columbia</i>	1

Vehicles Stolen / Recovered	
Stolen	0
Recovered	1

Absconds	1
Bailouts	4
Criminal Arrests	14
Fugitive Arrests	10
Gang Related Criminal Arrests	5
Pursuits	0
Scouts/Decoys	0

Del Rio Sector

The Unified Command statistics over the past 4 weeks:



Gang activity

On 05 FEB 2011 at 0800 hours, the Uvalde Co SO, in conjunction with the Uvalde PD, THP, USBP, and the DEA, conducted a warrant roundup on five suspected **MEXICAN MAFIA** members. The warrants were Federal Indictments from the Western District of TX for Conspiracy to Deliver Cocaine.

GUAJARDO JR, Rafael DOB 10/20/1965	RODRIGUEZ, Elizabeth DOB 07/28/1985
CARDENAS, Julio DOB 06/23/1972	CARDENAS, Paulo DOB 03/05/1971
RODRIGUEZ, George DOB 12/16/1989	

Additional information (cont)

USBP Agents were advised by an Eagle Pass Border Patrol Station camera operator that several subjects were seen running west towards the Rio Grande. A heavily laden vehicle drove through a fence and the driver and passenger bailed out. Assisted by a USBP helicopter, the Agents located both subjects and recovered 360 lbs of marijuana from inside the vehicle. The subjects were arrested; the vehicle and contraband were seized. The subjects and narcotics were turned over to ICE.



Additional information (cont)

USBP Agents

- assigned to patrol duty in Normandy observed a 1999 Dodge Durango speeding on US-277 towards Eagle Pass. The Agents stopped the vehicle and conducted an immigration inspection of the occupant. The Agent noticed three large green military style duffel bags through the rear window in plain view. The Agent opened the trunk and found three more duffel bags for a total of six duffel bags containing 26 bricks of marijuana weighing 453.5 lbs. The narcotics, subject, and vehicle were turned over to ICE.

- recovered a total of 1,456.7 lbs of abandoned marijuana in seven separate incidents:

KINNEY CO

27.5 lbs

MAVERICK CO

432 lbs in Quemado

159.5 lbs in Normandy

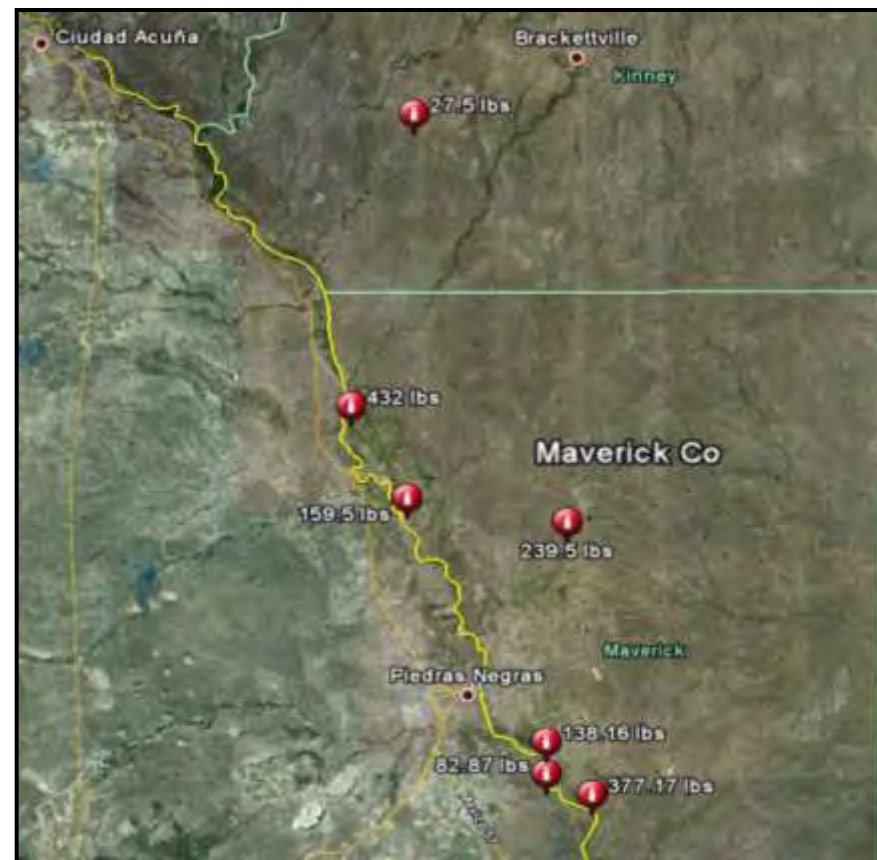
EAGLE PASS, MAVERICK CO

138.16 lbs

377.17 lbs

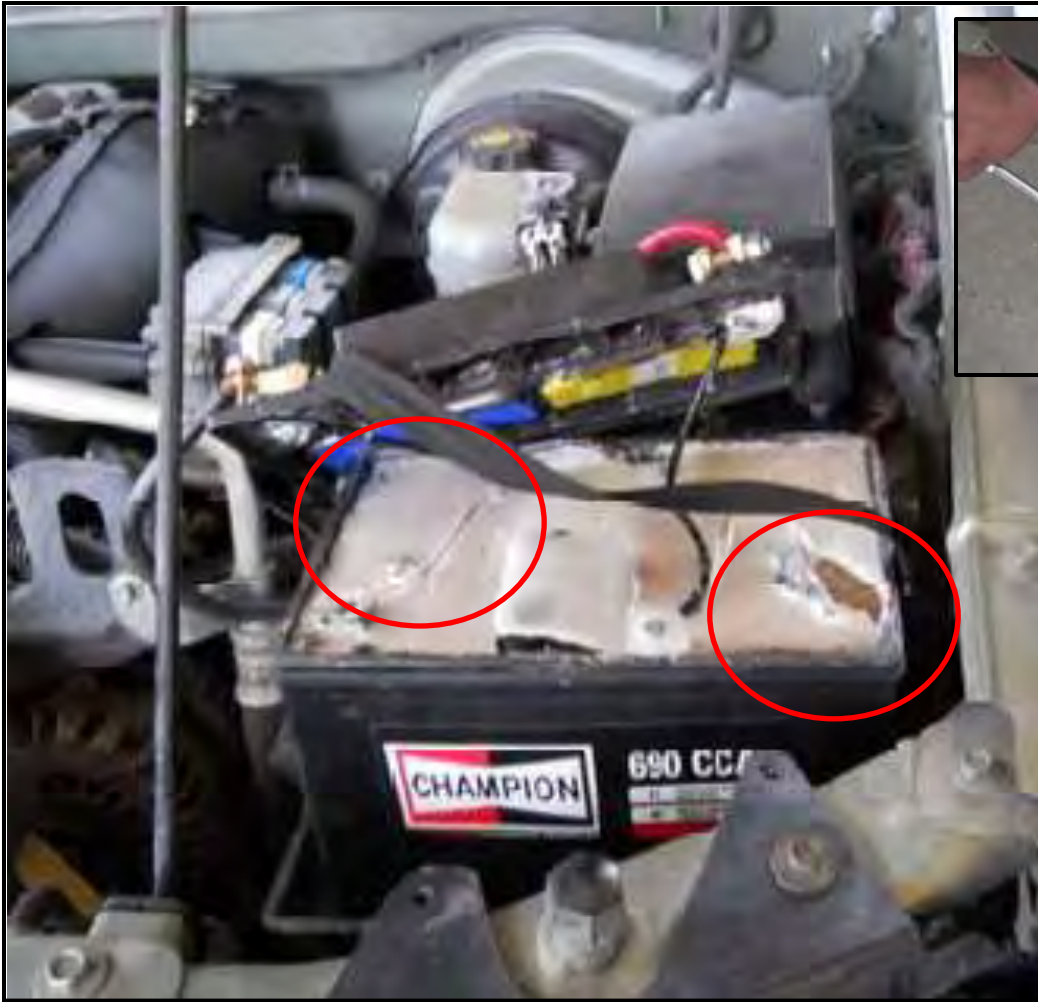
239.5 lbs

82.87 lbs



Additional information (cont)

A DPS-THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer on US-90 in Brackettville. The Trooper discovered cocaine hidden inside the vehicle's battery. All three batteries contained 11 lbs of cocaine each and were not heavy laden upon lifting. The batteries were Champion brand and could be hooked up to work on any vehicle. The subject was arrested and 33 lbs of cocaine was seized.



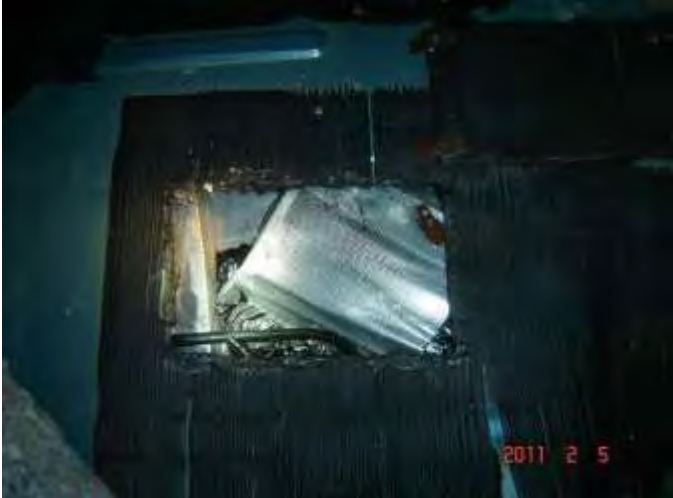
Additional information (cont)

THP Troopers executed a traffic stop on a 1999 GMC Sierra for Failure to Stop on US-57 in La Pryor. The Troopers observed indicators for criminal behavior, and obtained consent from the driver for a vehicle search. Troopers found 42 bundles of marijuana, totaling 52 lbs, wrapped in black tape, concealed in door panels and in the engine compartment. The driver was placed under arrest.



Additional information (cont)

CBP-OFO Officers working Bridge #2 at the Eagle Pass POE arrested one subject after a K-9 alert on the rear cargo area of a Blue 2008 Chevrolet Equinox. The vehicle had 34 crossings with three referrals, and the subjects stated they were returning from a night of partying in Piedras Negras. The cocaine was discovered inside a false compartment located in the gas tank. Access to the compartment was through the floorboard below the rear seat. A total of 25 packages weighing 60.23 lbs of cocaine was seized.



Additional information (cont)



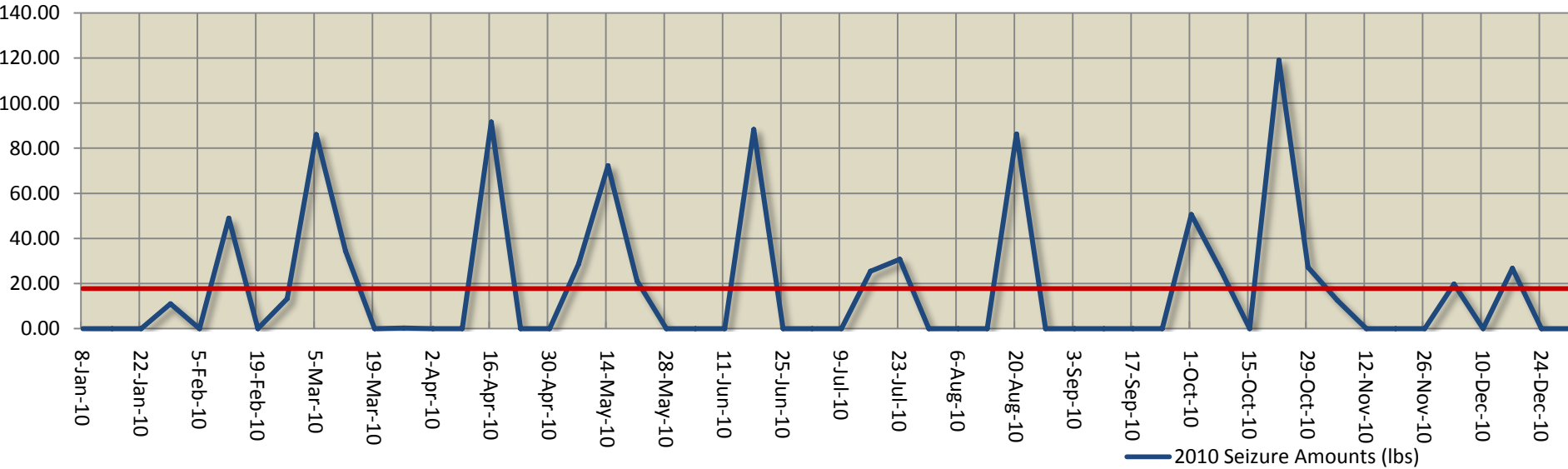
USBP Agents at the Uvalde Checkpoint were alerted to a 2000 Ford Windstar. The service K-9 alerted to the rear seam of the vehicle and left rear quarter panel. A subsequent search led to the discovery of 118 bundles, weighing 131.7 lbs, of marijuana hidden in the firewall, dash, headliner, upholstery, and both quarter panels. Two adult subjects were arrested, vehicle and marijuana seized and all turned over to a member of the DEA taskforce. A minor child was turned over to CPS.

Del Rio Sector Unified Command Sector Assessment

There were changes in several areas this reporting period. Marijuana and cocaine seizures were up again this week and stolen vehicle recoveries were down. Marijuana increased by almost 800 lbs and there was 93.48 lbs of cocaine seized. There were two major seizures of cocaine, one at by CBP at the Eagle Pass POE and one by a THP Trooper in Bracketville. Of the total marijuana seized, 1,456.7 lbs was abandoned. In some of the abandoned seizures, subjects were observed either by camera operator or Agents and were able to abscond back to Mexico (avoiding apprehension). IA Referrals and total IAs apprehended by USBP were up slightly and all other categories, with the exception of Gang Related Criminal Arrests, were down.

Total cocaine seized this year is 313.94 lbs. This is approximately 34% of the total amount of cocaine seized in 2010. This increase could be possibly a result of increased seizures due to the law enforcement presence in the sector or indicative of DTOs shifting to less high profile routes along the border.

2010 Del Rio Cocaine Seizures



LAREDO UNIFIED COMMAND SECTOR

2 – 9 FEB 2011

UNIFIED COMMAND MEMBERS

CBP	Jim Hogg CO SO
ICE	La Salle CO SO
TPWD	Webb CO SO
TMF	Zapata CO SO
DPS	Dilley PD
Duval CO S O	Laredo PD
Frio CO SO	Pearsall PD

The map displays the Laredo Unified Command Sector, covering parts of Frio, La Salle, Webb, Duval, Zapata, and Jim Hogg counties. Key locations include Piedras Negras, Corpus Christi, and Nuevo Laredo. Major roads shown are 281, 83, and 37. Incident locations are marked with red circles and labeled as follows:

- DRG - Drug Incident / Seizure (at the northern border)
- DRG - Drug Incident / Seizure (in Webb County)
- DRG - Drug Incident / Seizure (near Nuevo Laredo)
- DRG - Drug Incident / Seizure (near the border with Webb County)
- GG - Gang Involvement (near Nuevo Laredo)
- GG - Gang Involvement (in Webb County)
- UA/IAR - Referral (in Jim Hogg County)

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Laredo Sector

The Unified Command provided the following reports:

Contraband Seizures

Marijuana	4,484.4 lbs	
Cocaine	0.088 lbs	
Heroin	0 lbs	
Methamphetamine	30.5 lbs	
Currency	\$ 1,430.00	
Other	None	
Weapons	Handgun(s)	0
	Long Gun(s)	2
	Explosive(s)	3

Absconds	1
Bailouts	1
Criminal Arrests	10
Fugitive Arrests	1
Gang Related Criminal Arrests	1
Pursuits	1
Scouts/Decoys	0

Illegal Alien Apprehensions

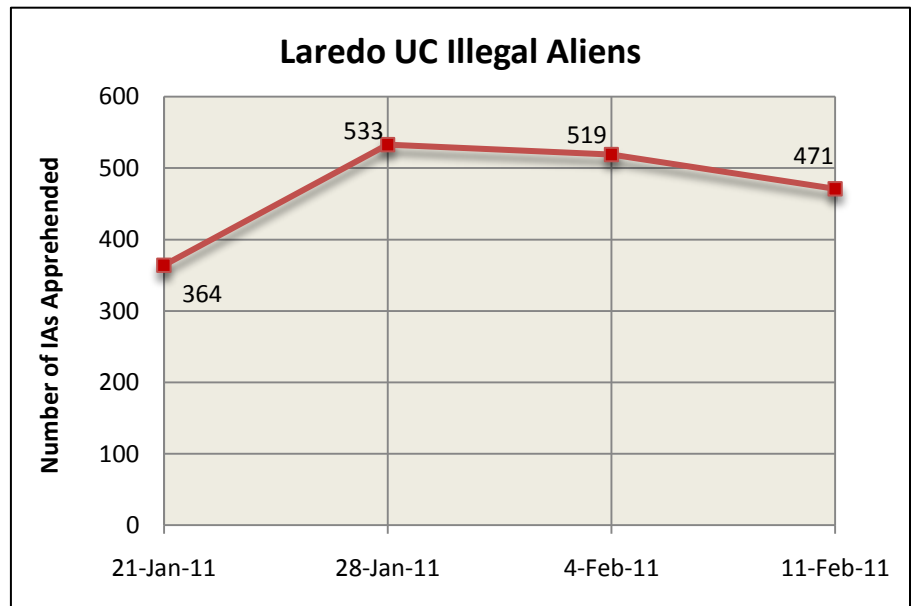
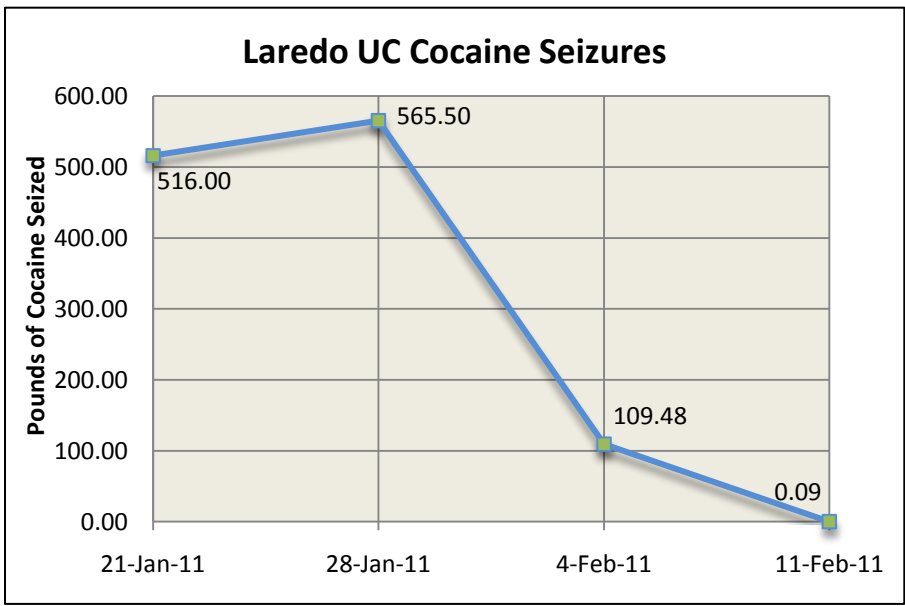
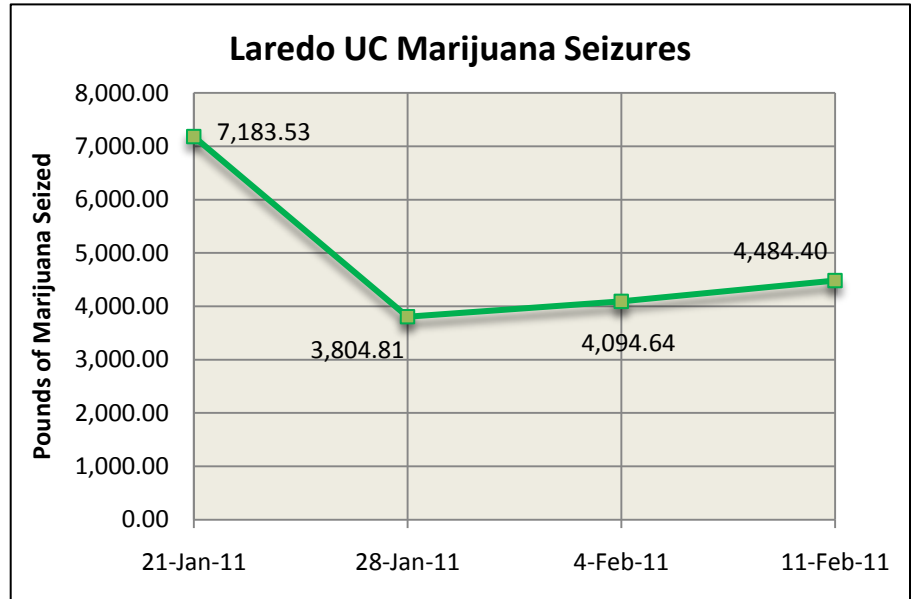
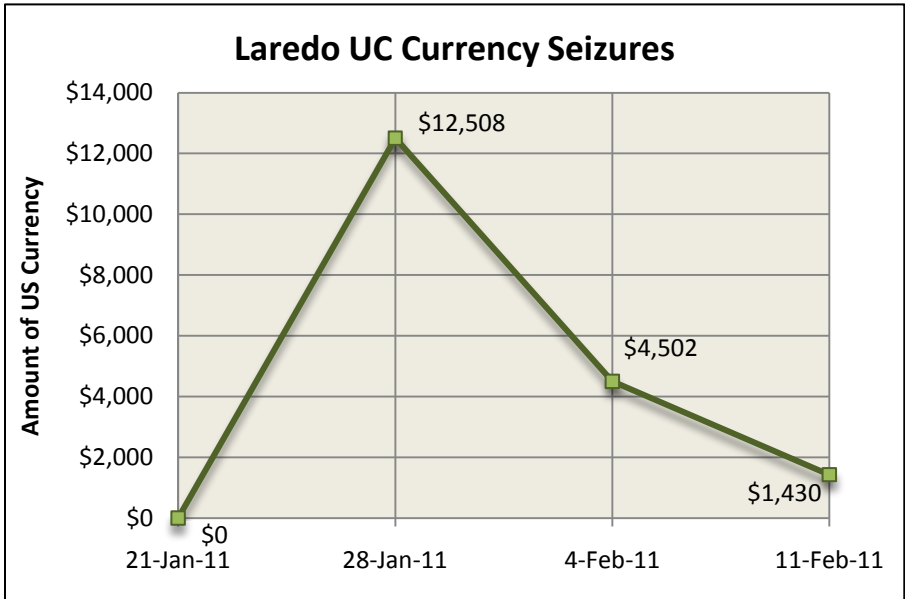
IAs/Referrals	23	
IAs/USBP	471	
OTMs	89	
OTM Countries	<i>Brazil</i>	8
	<i>Colombia</i>	1
	<i>Cuba</i>	1
	<i>El Salvador</i>	28
	<i>Guatemala</i>	31
	<i>Honduras</i>	15
	<i>India</i>	2
	<i>Peru</i>	2
	<i>Uruguay</i>	1

Vehicles Stolen / Recovered

Stolen	7
Recovered	1

Laredo Sector

The Unified Command statistics over the past 4 weeks:



Gang activity

On 02 FEB 2011, Laredo PD Officers arrested

- a male subject in the 5300 block of Campos Drive, Laredo, TX, for a warrant on Assault, Retaliation, and Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity. The subject was identified as an **HERMANDAD DE PISTOLEROS LATINOS (HPL)** gang member and remanded to the Webb Co Jail.



Stock Photo



- two male subjects in the 3500 block of S. Milmo Ave., Laredo, TX, for Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine). Officers recovered 33 bundles of marijuana weighing 382 lbs., and 24 doses of cocaine weighing .046 lbs. One of the subjects was identified as a **LA MOVIDA** gang member, and both subjects were remanded to the Webb Co Jail.

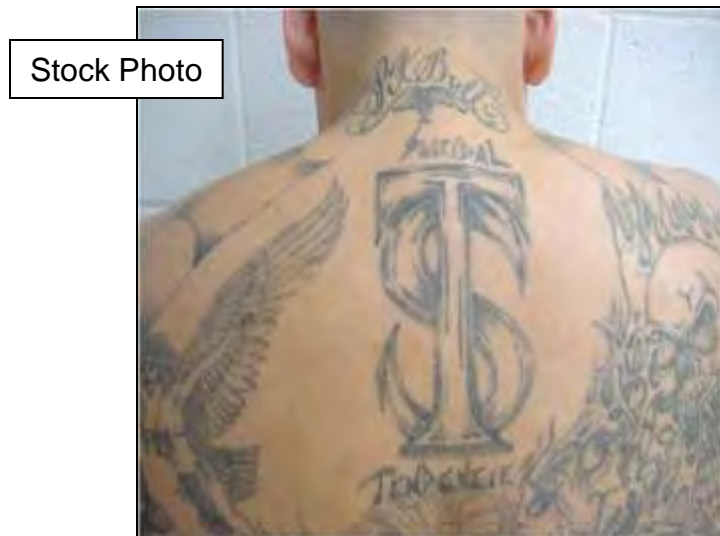
Unified Command members reported arrests of subjects from the following gangs:

La Movida (1)	Hernandad de Pistoleros Latinos (1)
MS 13 (1)	

Gang activity (cont)

On 01 FEB 2011, 11 TEXAS SYNDICATE gang members were arrested after a yearlong investigation dubbed "Operation Blue Ice." Austin PD, FBI and DEA participated in the investigation, which included the arrest of TEXAS SYNDICATE "chairman" of the Austin chapter, Arnoldo GONZALEZ. Six were arrested in Austin, while five were caught in Laredo, TX, where the gang bought thousands of pounds of marijuana, methamphetamine and cocaine across the border. Two more Austin-area members — Gabriel CARDENAS and Ernesto ALONSO Garcia — remain at large. All 13 are high-level members of the TEXAS SYNDICATE gang in Austin.

During the investigation, investigators learned that Austin was where the TEXAS SYNDICATE conducted its highest volume of drug trafficking. Because the operation revealed that the SYNDICATE members are customers of the GULF CARTEL in Mexico, Austin PD is seeking more federal funding to combat the gang. The gang members brought drugs from Mexico into Laredo in tractor-trailers or personal vehicles and transported them on IH-35 to Austin, where they were staged for distribution to Dallas and Waco and sometimes into other states. The investigation revealed that the drugs were being purchased through the Gulf Cartel.



Additional information


On 02 FEB 2011, Laredo PD Officers arrested

- two male subjects on Maher Ave in Laredo, TX, for Possession of Prohibited Weapon. Bomb Squad Investigators recovered three CS grenade canisters from one of the subject's residence. Both subjects were remanded to the Webb Co Jail.

- a male subject at the intersection of Frost St and Maryland Ave in Laredo, TX, for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Narcotics Investigators recovered 0.042 lbs of cocaine. The subject was remanded to the Webb Co Jail.



USBP Agents

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- A photograph showing several dark green, rectangular bundles of marijuana stacked on a surface. A small yellow tag is attached to the top bundle.
- On 05 FEB 2011, assigned to Laredo South AOR were working on the Zachary Ranch near Laredo, TX, seized 182.6 lbs of abandoned marijuana. The marijuana was turned over to the DEA.

- On 04 FEB 2011, assigned to the Hebbronville AOR seized 88 lbs of marijuana from a vehicle that was referred to secondary inspection after a K-9 alert. Agents found the 68 bundles of marijuana wrapped in clear vacuum sealed bags concealed in the gas tank. The driver, vehicle, and contraband were turned over to Jim Hogg Co SO.



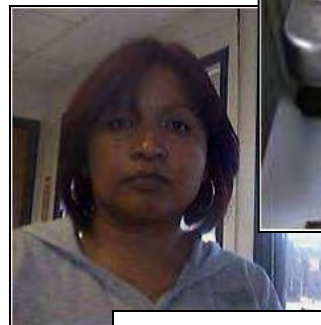
Additional information

USBP Agents:

- On 07 FEB 2011, assigned to the IH-35 Checkpoint (Laredo North AOR) inspected a grey Ford F-150 occupied by a single male driver. The Agents discovered 11 bundles of methamphetamine, weighing a total of 15.8 lbs, wrapped in black electrical tape inside the heater box located behind the glove compartment. DEA took custody of the methamphetamine, subject and vehicle.



- On 06 FEB 2011, assigned to the SH-359 Checkpoint (Freer AOR) referred a grey 2000 Jeep Cherokee to secondary following a service K-9 alert to the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed tampering of the bolts and hoses on the gas tank, which led to the discovery of 14.7 lbs of crystal methamphetamine and 61 lbs of marijuana, inside the tank of the vehicle. One female subject was arrested and vehicle was seized.



Rebeca Gonzalez



Additional information

On 07 FEB 2011, USBP Hebbronville Agents working on the FM-1017 checkpoint, initiated a secondary inspection on a blue 1998 Peterbilt truck tractor trailer driven by a male subject. The agents seized 2,317.8 lbs of marijuana concealed in the trailer inside blocks of styrofoam. The driver was arrested, the vehicle was seized, and all were turned over to DEA.



On 08 FEB 2011, as part of an on-going criminal investigation by DPS-CID Agents and a Jim Hogg Co Deputy initiated a traffic stop on a white Chevy pickup truck on FM-755, south of Hebbronville, TX. The vehicle was attempting to circumvent the USBP checkpoint on FM-1017 by utilizing rural ranch roads. After a brief pursuit, the vehicle stopped and the driver bailed out, absconding into the nearby brush. A search of the vehicle revealed a total of 5 large bundles of marijuana, two in the cab and three in a tool box, with a total weight of the 125 lbs of marijuana. The vehicle was seized, and later reported stolen out of Starr Co.



Laredo Unified Command Sector Assessment

The Laredo Unified Command had a slight increase in marijuana for this reporting period. There with a significant decrease in currency and cocaine and a significant increase in heroin. The significant increases are representative of larger, single event seizures compared to last reporting period.

Two significant methamphetamine seizures occurred this reporting period, with 5.8 lbs methamphetamine seized from a heater box in a Ford F-150 and 14.7 lbs of crystal methamphetamine seized with 61 lbs of marijuana from a gas tank of a Jeep Cherokee. Both methamphetamine seizures occurred a different checkpoints in the Laredo AOR.



Methamphetamines in heater box



IH-35 and US-83 remain active for illicit drug traffic. The Hebbronville areas of FM-1017 and TX-16 continue to see activity, especially at or near the checkpoints.

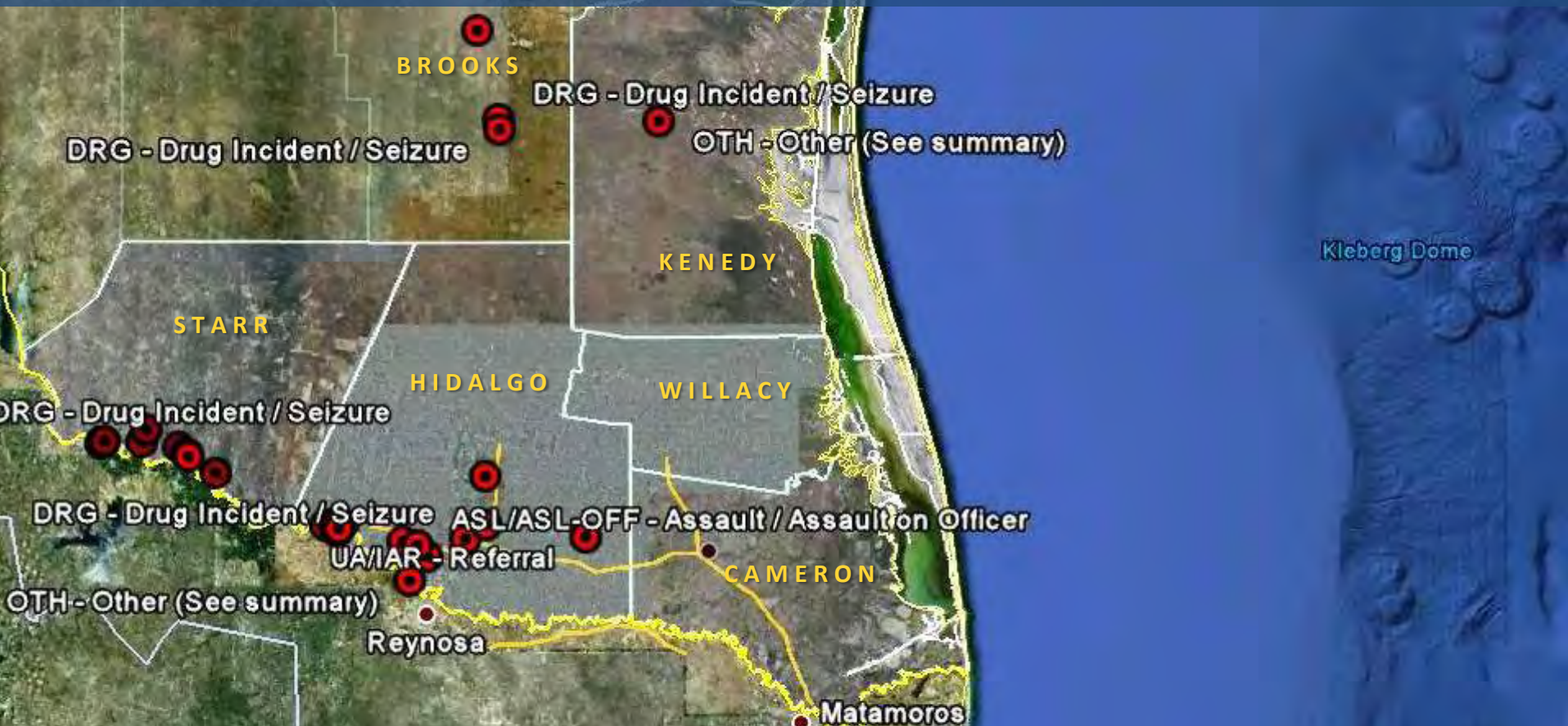


Significant seizures during this reporting period include: 2,317.8 lbs of marijuana located by USBP Hebbronville Agents working the FM-1017.

Texas Military Forces aviation missions are planned for the next reporting period to augment CBP operations in the area and amplify deterrence and apprehension operations for the Laredo unified command area.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY UNIFIED COMMAND SECTOR

2 – 9 FEB 2011



UNIFIED COMMAND MEMBERS

USBP	Cameron CO SO	La Grulla PD	Raymondville PD
CBP – OFO	Hidalgo CO SO	La Joya PD	Rio Grande City PD
ICE	Kenedy CO SO	Mercedes PD	Roma PD
USCG	Starr CO SO	Mission PD	San Benito PD
Starr CO HIDTA	Willacy CO SO	Palmview PD	San Juan PD
DPS	Brownsville PD	Penitas PD	Weslaco PD
TPWD	Harlingen PD	Pharr PD	Univ of Texas-Pan American
TMF	Hidalgo PD	Port Isabel PD	(UTPA) PD

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Rio Grande Valley Sector

The Unified Command provided the following reports:

Contraband Seizures		
Marijuana	37,574.3 lbs	
Cocaine	66.13 lbs	
Heroin	0.0 lbs	
Methamphetamine	23.32 lbs	
Currency	\$1,052.00	
Other	0	
Weapons	Handgun(s)	1
	Long Gun(s)	6
	Explosive(s)	0

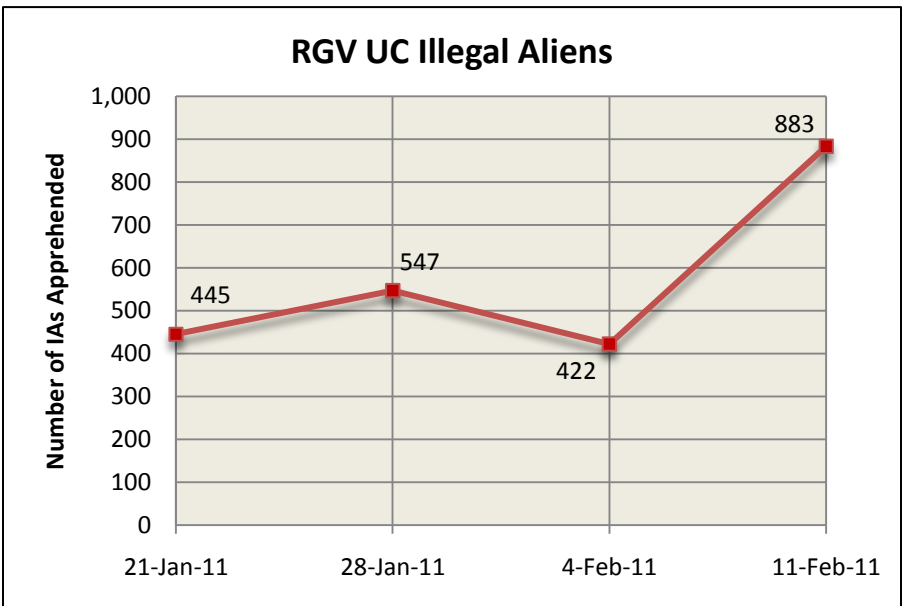
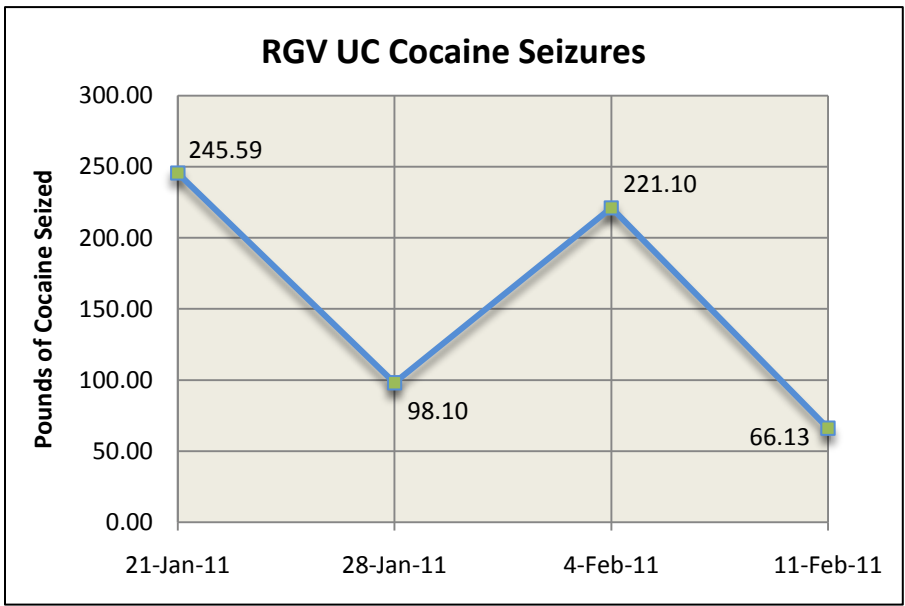
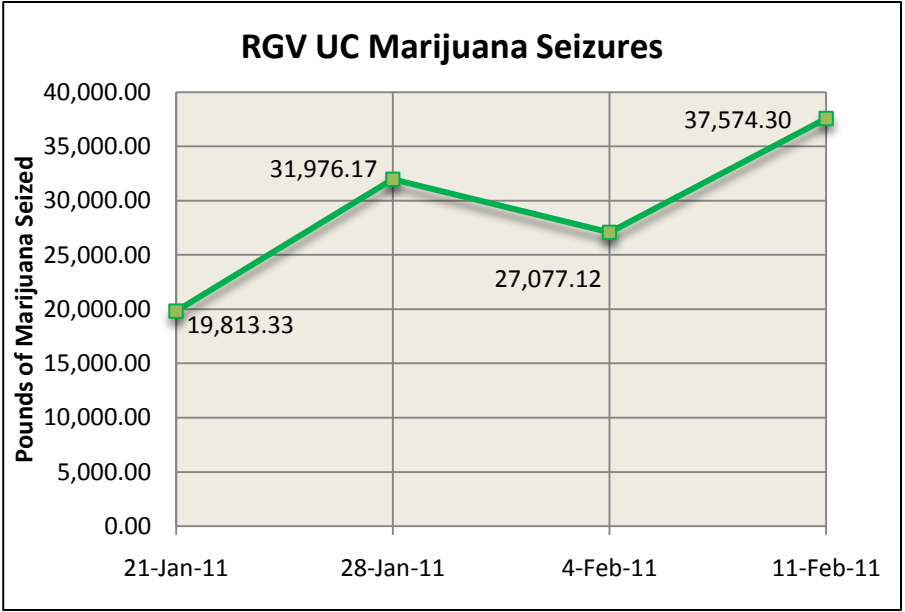
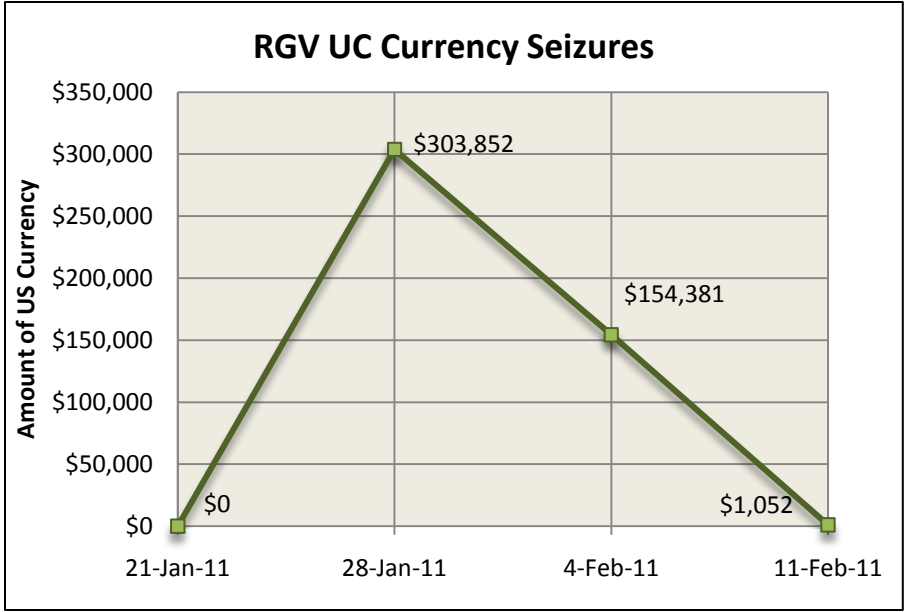
Illegal Alien Apprehensions		
IAs/Referrals	18	
IAs/USBP	883	
OTMs	3	
OTM Countries	Honduras	3

Vehicles Stolen / Recovered	
Stolen	0
Recovered	1

Absconds	2
Bailouts	6
Criminal Arrests	14
Fugitive Arrests	2
Gang Related Criminal Arrests	38
Pursuits	7
Scouts/Decoys	0

Rio Grande Valley Sector

The Unified Command statistics over the past 4 weeks:



Gang activity

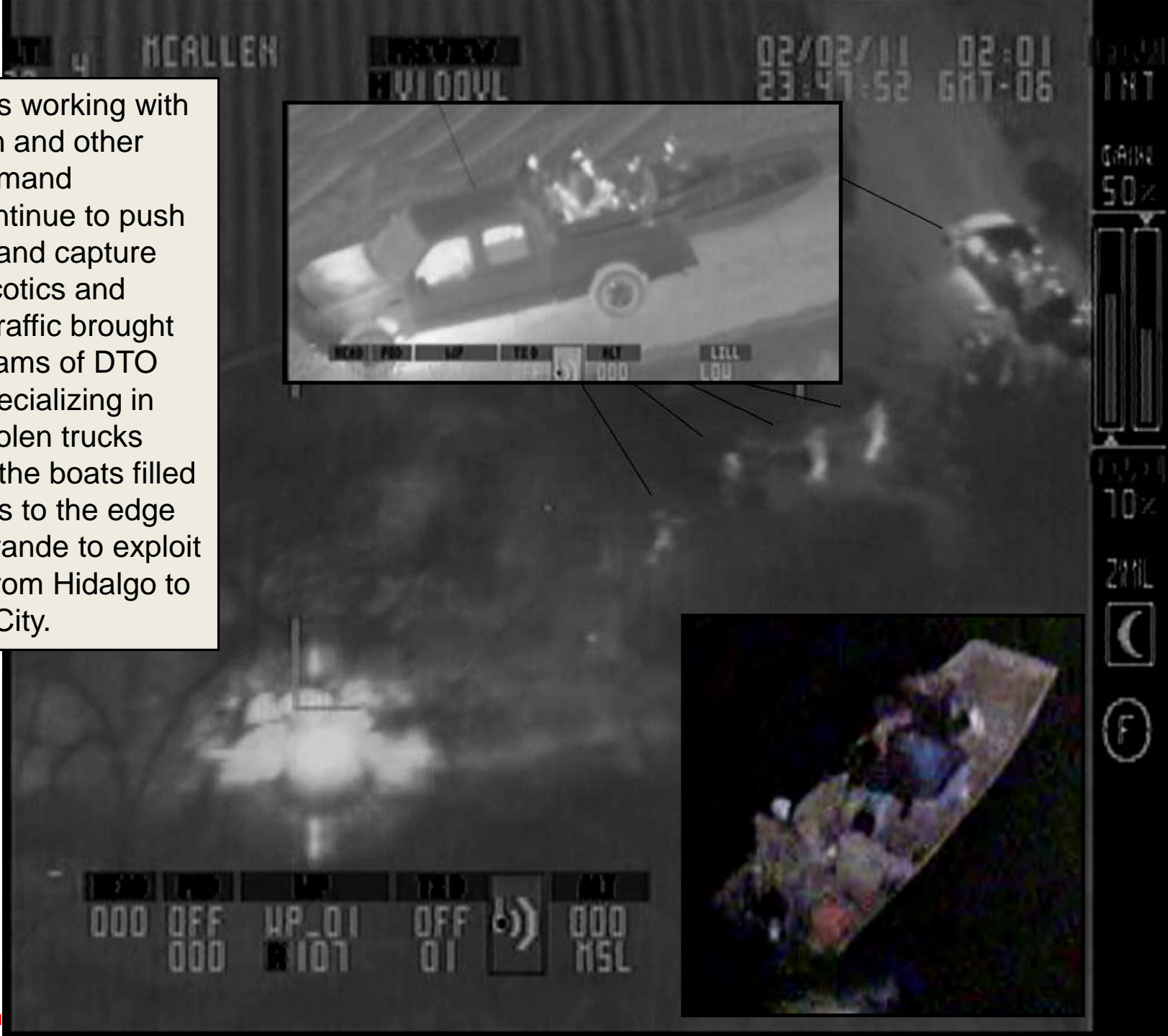
The Hidalgo Co SO's Gang Intelligence Unit reported 38 gang member arrests during this reporting period. These arrests were made by 9 different agencies in the RGV sector. The gang members were arrested for offenses such as parole violation, aggravated robbery, theft of property, possession of marijuana, attempted burglary of building, burglary of building, possession of controlled substance, driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest, assault on public servant, evading arrest w/vehicle, accident involving damage to vehicle, sexual assault, theft of property, engage in criminal activity, possession of marijuana, credit/debit card abuse, failure to identify fugitive from justice, assault causing bodily injury, and aggravated robbery. The arrestees have gang affiliation with:

Vallucos	Mexican Mafia
Loco Trece	Texas Syndicate
Po' Boys	Texas Chicano Brotherhood
Sureno 13	Tri City Bombers
Norteno 14	Latin Kings

DPS Trooper conducted a field interview after a traffic stop on US-83 in Donna, TX. The driver stated that he was a **VALLUCO** gang member who goes by the nickname, Casper, and had achieved "Cien" status while serving time in Beeville, TX. "Cien" status means that the subject is a voting member of the **VALLUCOS**, but not always allowed to call the shots, but guaranteed the ability to vote. He also stated that he had been a **VALLUCO** for over seven years.



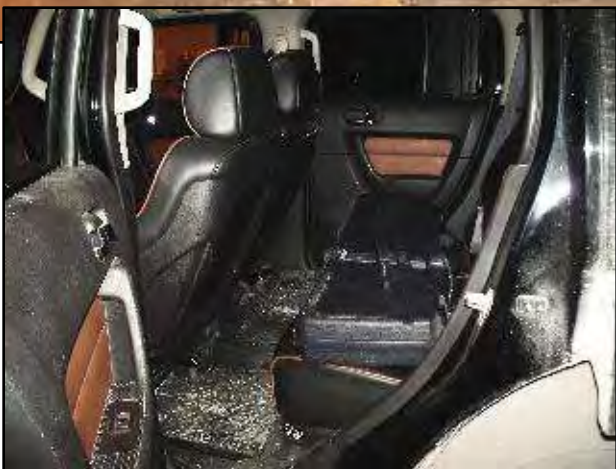
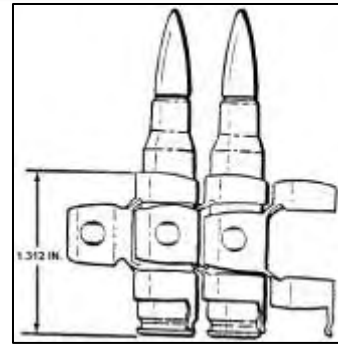
USBP Agents working with DPS Aviation and other Unified Command elements continue to push back, deter, and capture loads of narcotics and illegal alien traffic brought across by teams of DTO members specializing in the use of stolen trucks transporting the boats filled with narcotics to the edge of the Rio Grande to exploit rural areas from Hidalgo to Rio Grande City.



Additional information

CBP Officers at the Pharr POE (Outbound) seized a Browning 30-cal machine gun (aka M1919) in a hard case in the back seat of a 2006 Hummer H3 with Texas license plates driven by a male USC. Driver was arrested and vehicle seized.

ANALYST NOTE: Variants of the Browning 30-cal machine gun (M1919) have been manufactured since 1919. It is a light infantry, coaxial, mounted, aircraft and anti-aircraft machine gun. Many M1919 machine guns were rechambered for the 7.62 x 51 mm NATO round. This weapon often is belt fed or utilizes a drum magazine. The effective range with .30-cal ammunition is 900-1500 yds.



Additional information (cont)



CBP Officers at the Pharr POE (Inbound) seized 23.32 lbs of crystal methamphetamine in the engine manifold of a 2008 Toyota Tundra with Georgia license plates driven by a male USC. The driver was arrested and vehicle seized.



While searching east of La Grulla for narcotics, USBP Agents and DPS Air 108 observed two "jon" boats on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. Both boats appeared to have suspected narcotics bales. Several suspects were observed on the bank near the "jon" boats.



USBP Agents and DPS Air 108 searched near the intersection of Los Ebanos and Military Highway for a suspected group of IAs. The Aircrew located a group hiding in a brushy area and utilized the FLIR to guide the Agents to the nine subjects who were taken into custody.



Additional information (cont)

On 04 FEB 2011, ICE Agents seized 13,314 lbs of Marijuana from a storage unit on Owassa Rd in Pharr, TX, after investigators received information that the location was being utilized as a marijuana repackaging and distribution point. Agents seized a total of 510 bricks of compressed marijuana and also seized three assault rifles and two shotguns inside the unit.



The USCG seized two Mexican fishing boats and detained eight crew members over alleged illegal fishing in U.S. waters off Texas. The incident was reported to the Coast Guard's South Padre Island station by workers on an offshore oil rig, who reported seeing three boats fishing in an area about 29 miles northeast of South Padre Island. The Coast Guard sent two water craft and a jet whose crew spotted the boats. The Coast Guard said one of the three boats made it back to Mexican waters before it could be intercepted. Coast Guard officials say both boats had fish and sharks on board. The eight crew members were turned over to the USBP.

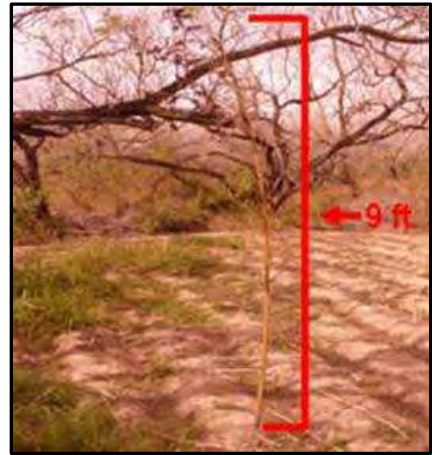


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A concerned citizen reported finding a campsite and possible marijuana grow operation on his property near Los Indios, TX. The property consists of ten acres and is a natural wooded area. Investigating Harlingen USBP Agents found a large campsite with a large four-man tent, and several other small campsites within a four acre area. Agents located four plots, each with an average of 35 rows; each row had space for an average of fifty plants. Total estimated crop potential was approximately 1,750 plants.

The plants had already been harvested and the product removed from the area. Evidence left behind indicated the crop was marijuana. Further evidence indicated that the plants had been harvested, hung up to dry on string and wire, and packaged on-site. Other evidence such as starter cups, fertilizer and insecticides containers were also found in the area.

An irrigation canal around the plots utilized a gas-operated water pump to pump water from the adjacent farm field. It is likely this grow operation ran from August 2010 through mid-December 2010 based on evidence left at the scene. There was sign that people were staying on site, guarding their product.



Additional information (cont)

La Joya PD Officer observed two suspicious vehicles travelling north on Leo Ave. The Officer followed the vehicles, where one of the vehicles pulled into a residence and the driver exited the vehicle. The second vehicle was pursued north by another vehicle until the driver stopped and led the second officer on a foot pursuit. A Peñitas PD Officer assisted in apprehending the second driver. Marijuana totaling 464.4 lbs was found in the second vehicle.



La Joya PD Officer conducted a traffic stop on a silver Ford Taurus on US-83. The Officer received consent to search the vehicle and discovered 227.7 lbs of marijuana in the trunk of the vehicle. The 19 year old driver was arrested.

Additional information (cont)

Roma PD Officer on patrol:

- Observed a Dodge pickup truck in a wooded area along a road utilized by DTOs. Officer found the vehicle with the engine running but no driver. Upon approaching the vehicle, the Officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana. After removing a blanket on the front seat, the officer discovered 165.9 lbs of marijuana in bundles. The vehicle was seized by Roma PD.
- Discovered an abandoned Mitsubishi Galant in a wooded area along a known drug-trafficking road. The vehicle had front end damage and a fence had been knocked over. The Officer inventoried the vehicle and found 33 lbs of marijuana in the trunk. The vehicle was seized by Roma PD.



Starr Co HIDTA and:

- Rio Grande City PD Officers pursued a vehicle north on Alvarez Rd. The vehicle came to a stop on Amigo Rd. and one male subject absconded. The Officers searched the vehicle and found 546 lbs of marijuana wrapped in 24 bundles. The case was transferred over to Starr Co HIDTA Task Force.
- USBP Agents were advised of a possible narcotics trafficking in La Casita, Texas. Agents observed several subjects carrying bundles of what appeared to be marijuana and loading them into a gold Ford Windstar near the Rio Grande River. Agents found the vehicle abandoned and a search revealed 461 lbs of marijuana wrapped in 40 bundles.



Additional information (cont)



Roma PD assisted by USBP, ICE, and Starr Co SO, executed a search warrant on a mobile home in Fronton, TX. Officers found 912 lbs of marijuana.

Pharr PD conducted a traffic stop on a van at the 3300 block of North Cage Boulevard in Pharr, TX. The Officers discovered the Reynosa resident was in the United States illegally and 48.5 lbs of cocaine wrapped in several bundles hidden inside a duffle bag.



CVE Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a white Ford Taurus on US-281. The driver stated that he was destined for Houston and appeared nervous. The Trooper observed signs of criminal activity and requested a consent to search. After a check of the driver's license, the Trooper discovered the driver to be a wanted fugitive and was subsequently arrested. During the pat down, Trooper discovered 2 lbs of marijuana strapped to the driver's body.



Additional information (cont)

CVE Troopers initiated a traffic stop on a TT/ST on US-281. The Trooper obtained consent to search the trailer which led to the discovery of 2,673 lbs of marijuana comingled with a load of watermelons. The driver of the truck was arrested.



ANALYST NOTE: Rotten or overly ripe produce can be an indicator of narcotics trafficking. Traffickers will often use the same produce for several loads to save money.

DPS CID Narcotics Agents received information on suspicious activity occurring at a warehouse in Pharr, TX. The Agents observed a vehicle leaving the warehouse and heading for a residence in McAllen, TX. Once the vehicle left the residence, an assisting THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop and interviewed the driver who stated that the narcotics were being stored at the residence he just left. A consent to search of the residence revealed 741 lbs of marijuana in the house.



DPS Narcotics Agents received information on a drug shipment being readied for transport in a Kenworth tractor truck; shortly thereafter, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and consensual search was granted. The search revealed 66.14 lbs of cocaine concealed in a false compartment in the roof of the cab.



Additional information (cont)



San Juan PD Officers report that a San Juan man instructed a hired hitman to kill his ex-girlfriend. Officials report that the unidentified hitman drove up to the home in a silver Chevrolet Malibu and approached the house carrying a shotgun, where he fired five rounds into the home. Investigators state the man's image was caught on a surveillance camera and that no one was inside the home at the time of the attack.

DPS Narcotics Agents identified a suspicious, large passenger van in McAllen after receiving information that the vehicle may be transporting marijuana. An assisting THP Trooper followed the van which left a warehouse, and conducted a traffic stop. The Agents and Trooper seized 2,500 lbs of marijuana and arrested the driver.



A THP Trooper attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a 2000 Chevrolet Impala on US-83 in Rio Grande City. The driver refused to stop and led the Trooper on a pursuit. The vehicle crashed, but the Trooper was able to apprehend the driver. An inventory of the vehicle revealed 276 lbs of marijuana in the trunk and rear floorboard. The driver, a resident of Roma, stated that he was destined for McAllen.



Additional information (cont)

A Rio Grande City resident contacted Rio Grande City PD to report that his father had been kidnapped in Tamaulipas. He also stated that he had received a phone call demanding a ransom of \$50,000.00 USD. When he told the kidnappers that he could not come up the money, the caller got upset and threatened to kill the victim. The resident said he could hear someone being assaulted in the background but was not allowed to speak to his father. The victim has not been found and the investigation is ongoing.



Mission PD responded to a residence in Mission where a male subject reported that he had been shot by unknown male subject. The victim stated that an unknown male knocked on his door and told the him that he needed to check his water meter. Upon refusing to allow the subject to enter, the suspect pushed the door open and shot him in the leg and buttock as he tried to retreat. The suspect then fled the scene. Mission PD is investigating.



La Joya PD assisted Sullivan City, TX, in a pursuit of a White PT Cruiser on eastbound US-83. The driver left the roadway and bailed out into a brushy area. Officers pursued on foot and eventually apprehended the driver. An inventory of the PT Cruiser revealed 361 lbs of marijuana in several bundles. Sullivan City PD took custody of the vehicle



RGV JOIC Sector Assessment

The RGV Unified Command agencies were responsible for the seizure of over 37,000 lbs of marijuana. This is a 38% increase from last week. Cocaine seizures decreased from last week to a combined agency total of 66.13 lbs. The US Border Patrol, Starr Co deputies, CBP OFO, Mission PD, DPS THP and CID, Rio Grande City PD, Roma PD, Hidalgo PD, Pharr PD, Harlingen PD, Coast Guard, ICE and San Juan PD, contributed significantly to the marijuana seizures.

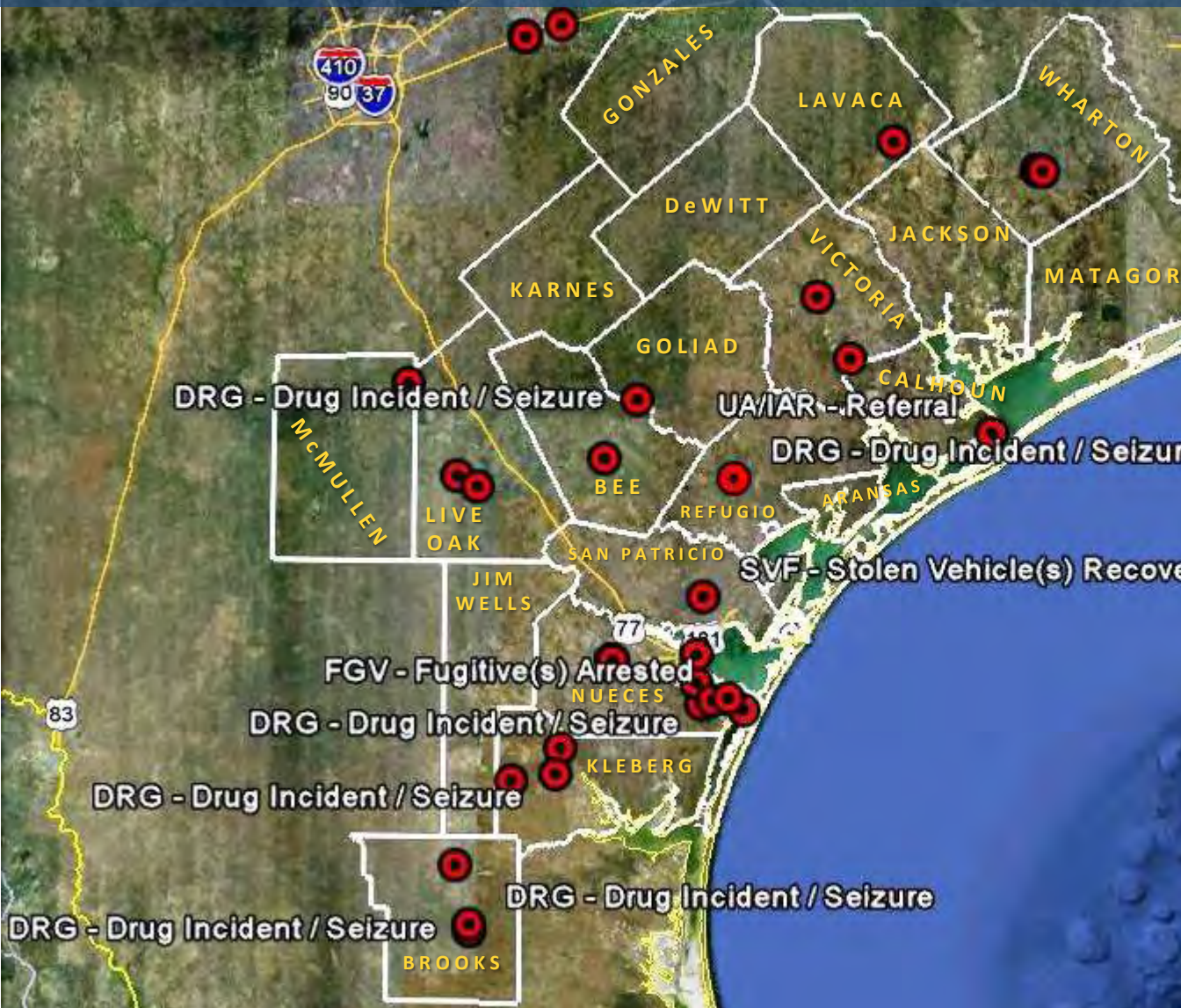
The McAllen DPS Aviation Unit and Staff Lt Ranger Art Barrera hosted the Texas Agriculture's Office Chief Communications Officer (CCO) Ms. Veronica Obregon. She was given a JOIC overview and an overflight of the border area. She also met with farmers and ranchers in the RGV AOR to conduct interviews and listen to concerns regarding property and agriculture security.

Given the number of conflicts in Mexican cities near the Texas-Mexico border, the Zeta faction continues to probe Gulf Cartel territory. Several gun battles occurred this past week in Mexico along the international border. SEDENA reported major incidents of violence that resulted in the deaths and arrests of several DTO members from both organizations. There were several weapons seizures and large caches of ammunition taken from the site of the shootings. The assumption by intelligence sources is that weapons smuggling continues unabated, evident by the number of seizures in Mexico and near the border on the US-side. Another high caliber automatic weapon was seized by US officials as the subject attempted to smuggle it into Mexico through a port of entry.



COASTAL BEND UNIFIED COMMAND SECTOR

2 – 9 FEB 2011



UNIFIED COMMAND MEMBERS

USBP	Kleberg CO SO
CBP – OFO	Lavaca CO SO
ICE	Matagorda CO SO
FBI	Live Oak CO SO
ATF	McMullen CO SO
DEA	Nueces CO SO
USCG	Refugio CO SO
Houston HIDTA	San Patricio CO SO
San Antonio HIDTA	Victoria CO SO
TMF	Wharton CO SO
DPS	Bay City PD
Aransas CO SO	Corpus Christi PD
Bee CO SO	Driscoll PD
Brooks CO SO	El Campo PD
Dewitt CO SO	Kingsville PD
Goliad CO SO	Orange Grove PD
Jackson CO SO	Seguin PD
Jim Wells CO SO	Three Rivers PD
Karnes CO SO	Victoria PD

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Coastal Bend Sector

The Unified Command provided the following reports:

Contraband Seizures		
Marijuana	2,685.9 lbs	
Cocaine	0.09 lbs	
Heroin	0	
Methamphetamine	0.31 lbs	
Currency	\$7 ,157.00	
Other	Oxycodone (325 mg) Alprazolam 3mg Diazepam 5mg 1 Bomb threat	
Weapons	Handgun(s)	4
	Long Gun(s)	0
	Explosive(s)	0

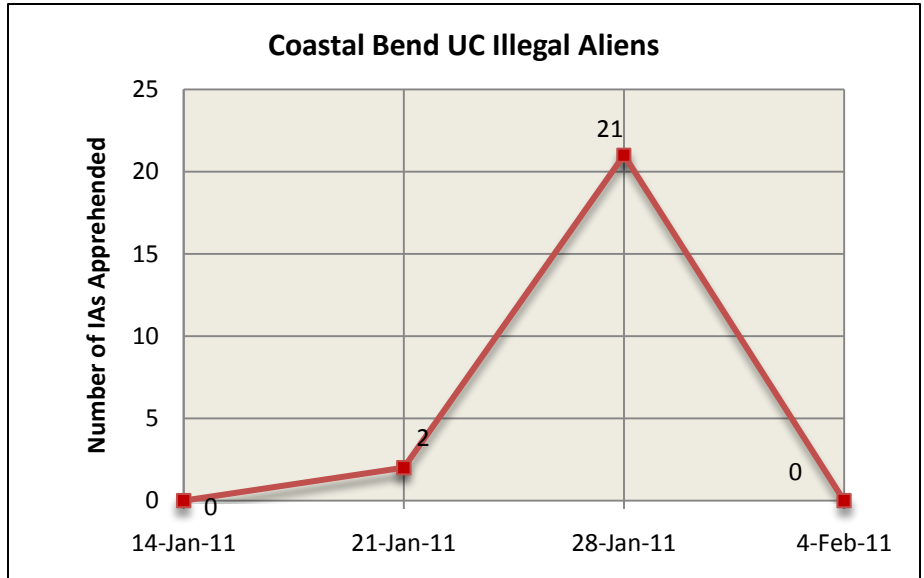
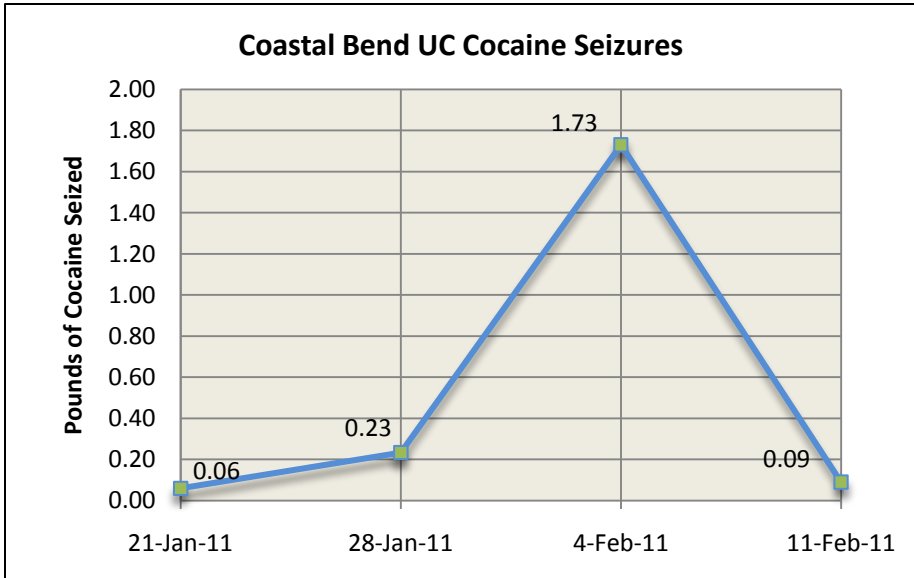
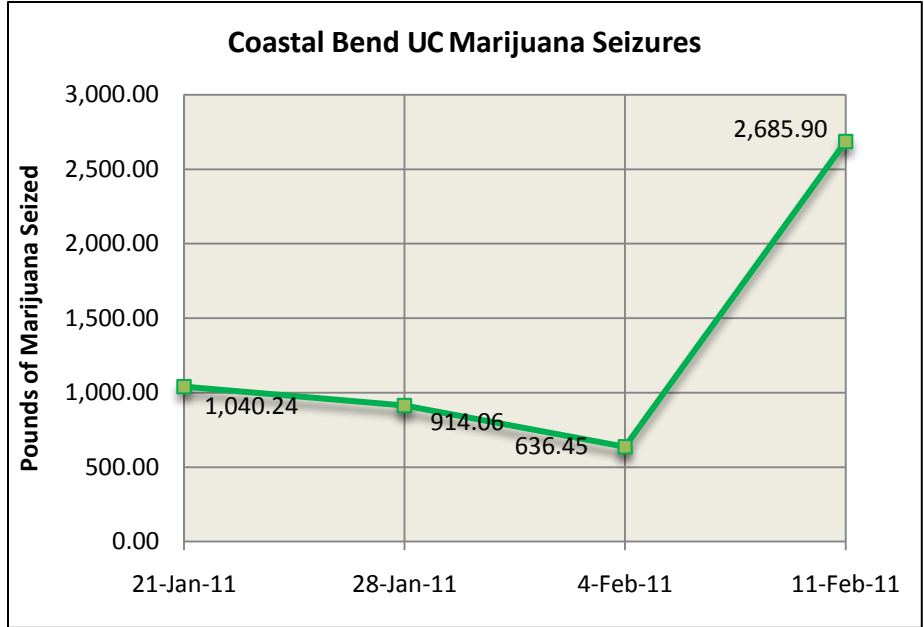
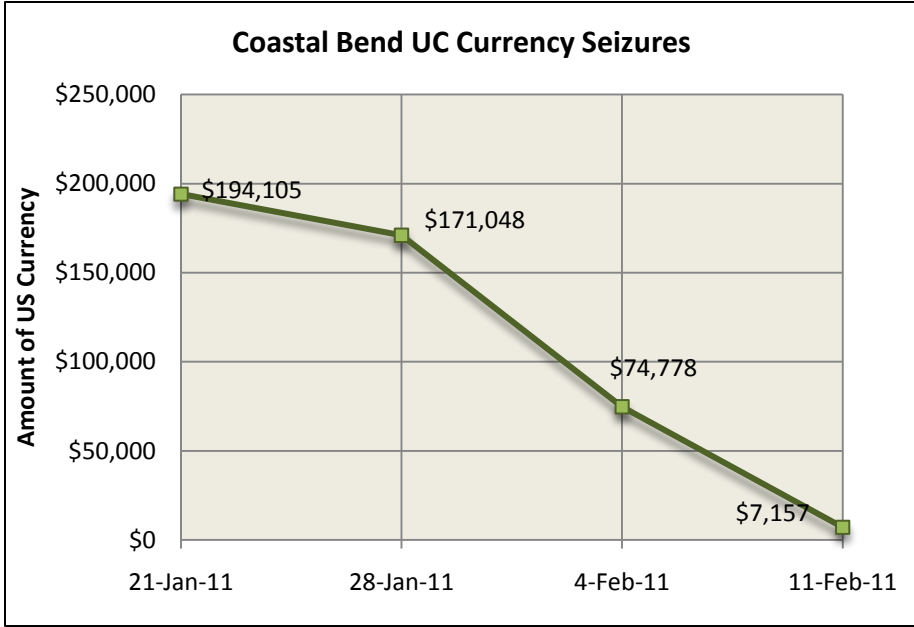
Illegal Alien Apprehensions	
IAs/Referrals	5
IAs/USBP	0
OTMs	0

Vehicles Stolen / Recovered	
Stolen	1
Recovered	6

Absconds	19
Bailouts	6
Criminal Arrests	261
Fugitive Arrests	117
Gang Related Criminal Arrests	2
Pursuits	7
Scouts/Decoys	1

Coastal Bend Sector

The Unified Command statistics over the past 4 weeks:



Gang activity

As a result of an investigation on the **MEXICAN MAFIA**, Corpus Christi PD and DPS CID Corpus Christi served a search warrant on a residence in Corpus Christi and seized 114.1 grams of methamphetamine, 0.70 grams of crack cocaine, and 12.8 grams of marijuana. Two arrests were made.



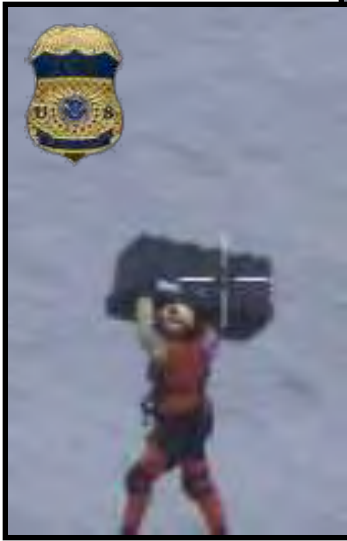
Additional information

DPS CID – Corpus Christi, Brooks Co SO and THP Brooks Co seized 2,262 lbs of marijuana from two pickups that were apprehended attempting to circumvent the Falfurrias Checkpoint on US-281N. The pickups were apprehended crossing ranch properties in southern Brooks Co. One vehicle was stopped on the ranch and the other apprehended after pursuit. Two arrests were made. Both drivers were traveling from Rio Grand City, TX, to Houston.



Additional information (cont)

ICE, US Coast Guard and DPS AVN 103 searched for black pelican suitcases tossed from a boat that had refused inspection near the JFK bridge in Corpus Christi. The boat was apprehended and the cases containing 118 lbs of marijuana were recovered by the US Coast Guard.



Bee Co SO, THP, and Texas Rangers were assisted by DPS 103 in the search for a vehicle that had fled from THP. Intelligence reported indicated that the driver of the vehicle was armed with several weapons. Vehicle eluded officers and was not located. Helicopter was delayed on search due to weather. Investigators have identified the driver and the investigation is on-going.



Additional Information (cont)

Kleberg Co SO seized 26.4 lbs of marijuana concealed in the gas tank of a 2007 Chevrolet Impala. The driver was from Rio Grande City, TX, and traveling on SH 285 west of Rivera, TX, headed to Houston when stopped.



Additional Information (cont)

Kleberg Co SO and the USBP seized



- 44.8 lbs of marijuana concealed behind trap doors for the right and left side rocker panels of a 1999 Oldsmobile Intrigue. The driver was from Brownsville, TX, and traveling to Houston on US-77N at the Sarita Checkpoint.



Marijuana concealed behind trap door on the right and left rocker panels

- 59.2 lbs of marijuana concealed in packages in the trunk of a 2010 Toyota Corolla (rental). The driver was from Puerto Rico and traveling on US-281N from McAllen to Houston. An investigation at the scene revealed that an additional rental driven by other persons from Puerto Rico had just gone through the checkpoint 10 minutes earlier. They were in a Chevrolet Aveo (rental). It was located by THP and found to be connected to the first vehicle and seizure and held for USBP.



59.2 lbs. (6 bundles) hidden in the packages



Additional Information (cont)

THP Brooks Co seized:



- 71.25 lbs of marijuana concealed in the fuel cell of a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck. The driver was traveling from Rio Grande City, TX, to Louisiana on US-281 North. USBP assisted at the Falfurrias station checkpoint.
- 60.54 lbs of marijuana concealed in the spare tire and doors of a 1999 Isuzu Rodeo. The driver was from San Juan, TX, and traveling to Freeport, TX, on US-281 North. USBP assisted at the Falfurrias station checkpoint.



Additional Information (cont)



THP Brooks Co seized 27.5 lbs. of marijuana concealed in the firewall of a 2003 Chevrolet pickup truck. Male driver and female passenger were from Rio Grande City and traveling on US- 281N to Corpus Christi.



Corpus Christi PD personnel were flown over the city to observe traffic conditions, and highway and road conditions, after severe winter conditions caused ice on roadways. Over 200 traffic accidents occurred the previous date during the winter storm. Observations and data obtained from this flight assisted city officials with highway re-opening planning. Information was also relayed to DPS communications.



Photos of various areas in and around Corpus Christi of traffic and icing conditions

Coastal Bend Unified Command Sector Assessment

Marijuana seizures increased sharply in the Coastal Bend Sector over the last reporting period from 636.46 pounds to 2,685.9 lbs while cocaine seizures have decreased. Two USD currency seizures totaling, \$7,157.00 were reported, which was a decrease from \$74,778.00 last week. IA referrals decreased this reporting period however pursuits, bailouts, absconds and stolen vehicle recoveries increased. US-59 and US-281 continue to be locations for drug seizures. One large seizure by DPS CID Corpus Christi and Brooks Co SO involved two pickup truck's running together and traveling around the Falfurrias checkpoint (US 281 North) across local ranch property. The two trucks contained 2, 262 lbs. of marijuana.

DPS CID Corpus Christi and Corpus Christi PD continued their independent operations and investigation of local MEXICAN MAFIA members and are making additional arrests and narcotics seizures.

A review of the Sarita and Falfurrias checkpoint reports revealed that between 1 FEB and 6 FEB 2011 there were 1,073.59 lbs of marijuana and no cocaine seized at the Falfurrias Checkpoint (US-281N). This is a significant decrease over last week.

At the Sarita checkpoint US-77N there were 226.6 lbs of marijuana and 2.2 lbs of cocaine reported as seized.

The Falfurrias checkpoint reported seizures of marijuana from 2 tractor/trailer combinations and one commercial bus. The Sarita checkpoint reported one cocaine seizure of 2.2 lbs and one large marijuana seizure from two separate commercial buses. The Falfurrias checkpoint and US 281 Northbound remain the number one highway for smuggling marijuana.

Statewide Corridor Seizures

THP [Oldham Co.] –

- 37.74 lbs marijuana – luggage in trunk; Albuquerque, NM to Nashville, TN.
- 10 Kg cocaine – bed of truck; Phoenix, AZ to Indiana.

THP [Carson Co.] –

- 9,080 grams cocaine – inside both rocker panels of vehicle; Arizona to North Carolina.
- 5 lbs marijuana - luggage; Costa Mesa, CA to Oklahoma City, OK.
- 20 lbs marijuana – rear cargo area of van; Norco, CA to Atlanta, GA.
- 5 lbs marijuana – in vehicle; North, CA to Hot Springs, AR.
- 16 lbs marijuana – duffle bag in trunk; California to Georgia.
- 20.5 lbs marijuana & 118.0 grams hashish – luggage in trunk; Santa Rosa, CA to Norman, OK.
- 80 lbs marijuana – inside all 4 doors; Eureka, CA to Jacksonville, FL.

CID [Dallas Co.] –

- 274 marijuana plants, 2 lbs cultivated marijuana & 6 firearms – residence; Desoto, TX.

THP [Titus Co.] –

- \$31,000 US – non-factory compartment in passenger airbag; Little Rock, AR to Dallas, TX.

THP [Ector Co.] –

- 56 grams cocaine – luggage; Van Horn, TX to Odessa, TX.

THP [Shelby Co.] –

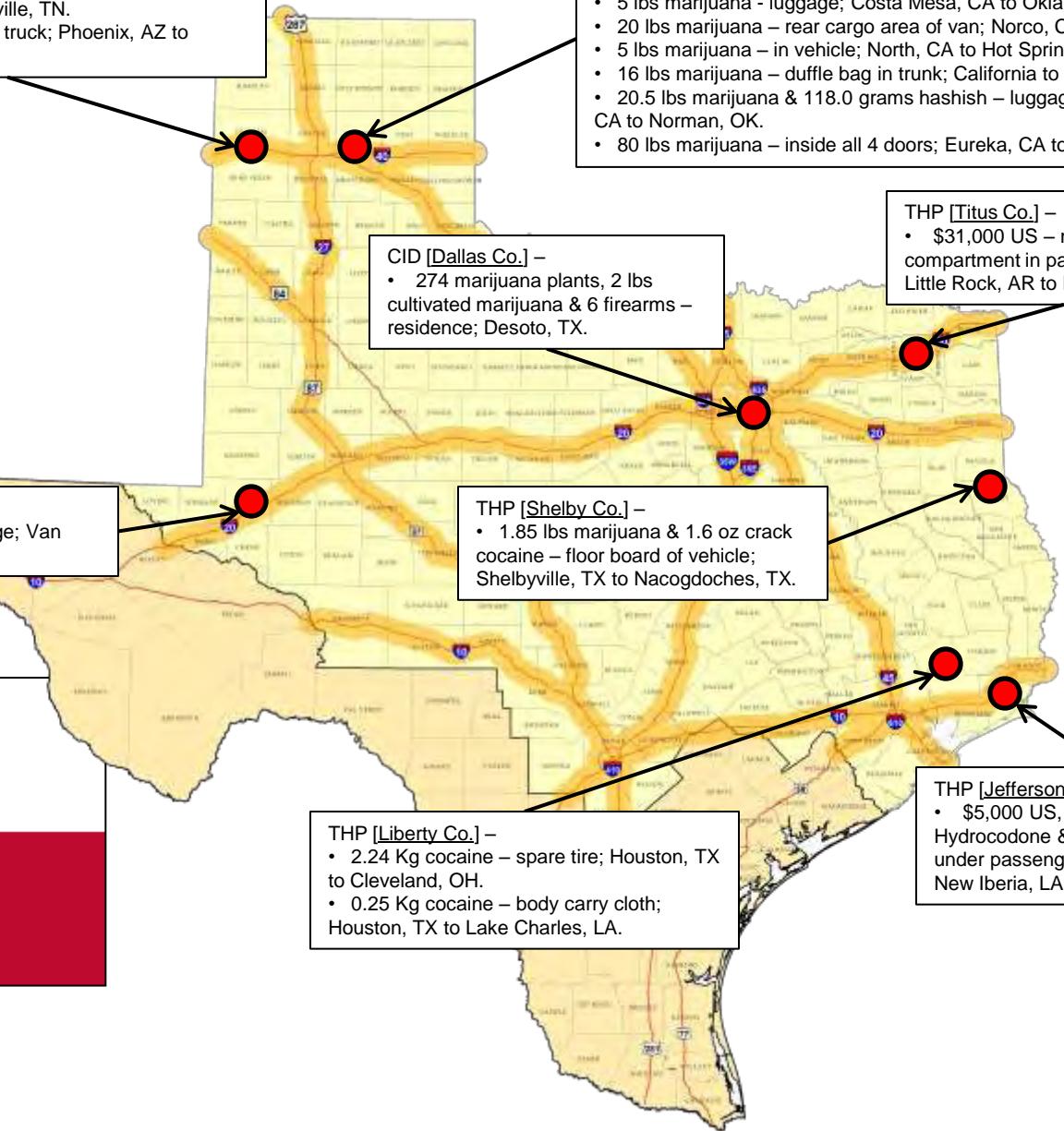
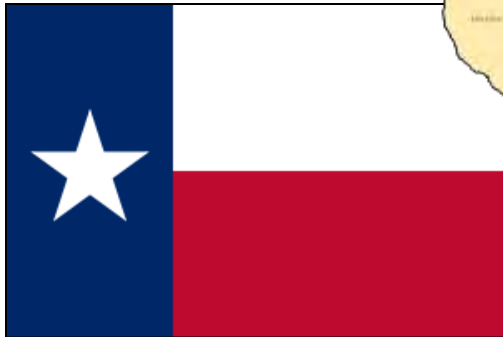
- 1.85 lbs marijuana & 1.6 oz crack cocaine – floor board of vehicle; Shelbyville, TX to Nacogdoches, TX.

THP [Liberty Co.] –

- 2.24 Kg cocaine – spare tire; Houston, TX to Cleveland, OH.
- 0.25 Kg cocaine – body carry cloth; Houston, TX to Lake Charles, LA.

THP [Jefferson Co.] –

- \$5,000 US, 888 grams Hydrocodone & 145 grams Xanax - under passenger seat; Houston, TX to New Iberia, LA





On 7 FEB 2011: THP Texarkana stopped a 2002 Nissan MGL on IH-30 and arrested two suspects. A consent to search revealed two bundles of US currency (totaling \$31,000) and a stolen 9mm pistol concealed inside a non-factory compartment constructed inside the airbag. The vehicle was traveling from Little Rock, AR to Dallas, TX.



On 4 FEB 2011: THP Hereford, along with Oldham Co SO, stopped a 2005 Nissan Altima on IH-40 and arrested two suspects. A consent to search revealed 37.74 lbs of marijuana concealed in luggage inside the trunk. The vehicle was traveling from Albuquerque, NM to Nashville, TN.

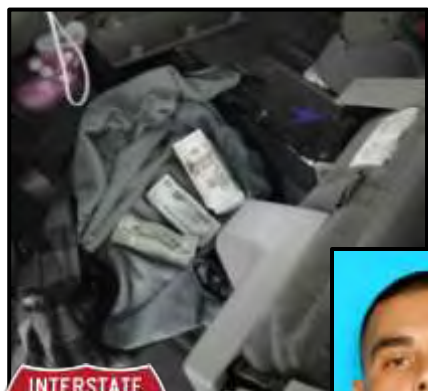




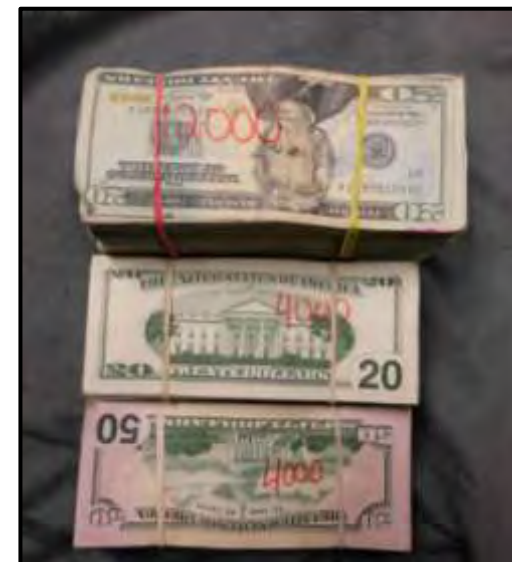
On 31 JAN 2011: As part of an ongoing investigation targeting a drug trafficking organization, CID San Angelo, US Department of Homeland Security, San Angelo Police Department and Tom Green Co SO executed a search warrant at a residence in San Angelo, TX. As a result, agencies seized 755 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 2.24 lbs of marijuana and arrested three suspects.



On 7 FEB 2011: THP Vega, along with Oldham Co SO, stopped a 2004 Chevrolet pickup on IH-40 and arrested two suspects. A consent to search revealed 12,500 grams (12 kilos) of cocaine concealed within false compartments in the bed of the truck. The drugs originated in Phoenix, AZ and were destined for Indiana.

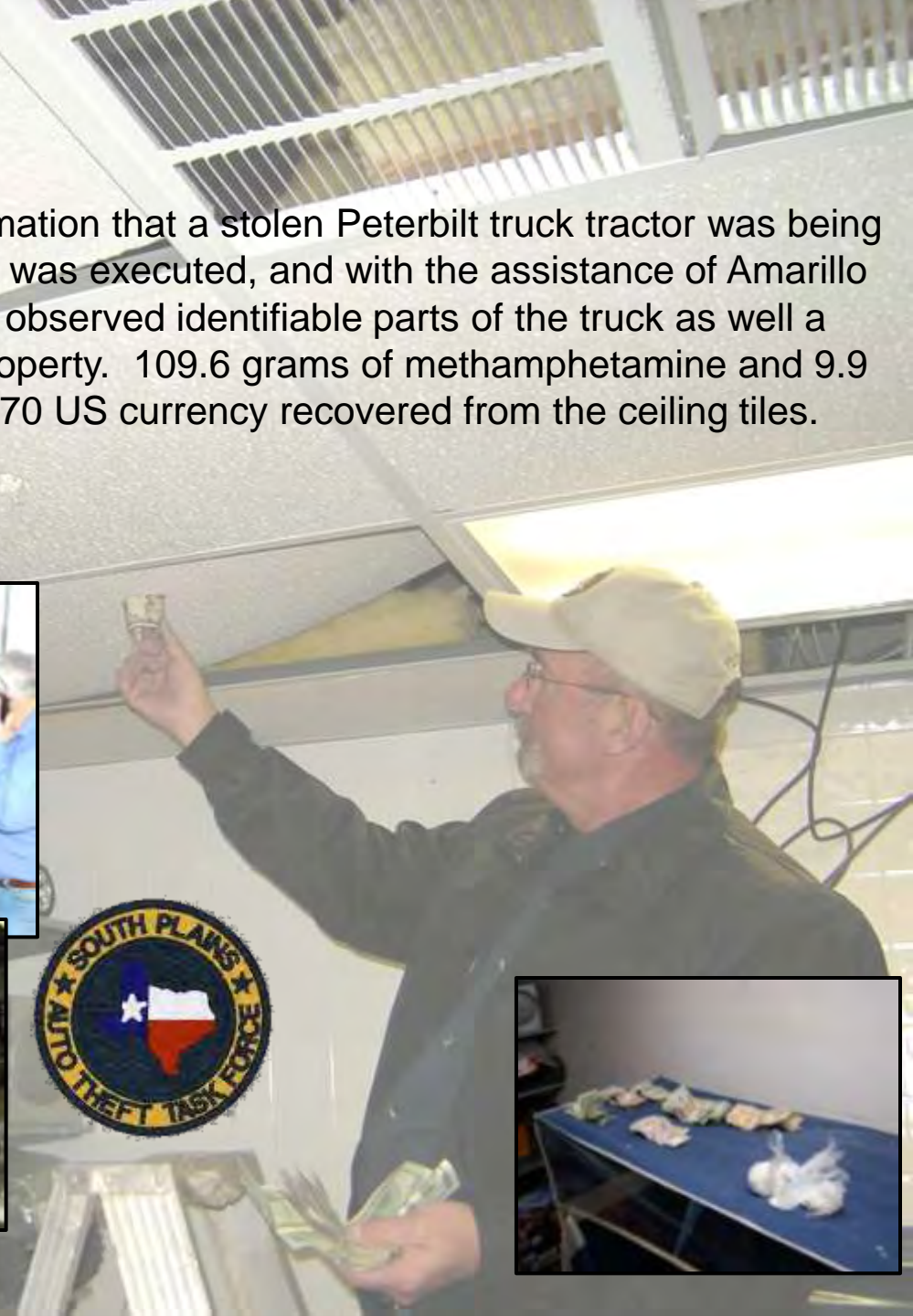


On 9 FEB 2011: THP Jourdanton stopped a 2003 Dodge Caravan on IH-37 and arrested one suspect. A consent to search revealed three bundles of US currency totaling \$20,000 under the 2nd row seat. The vehicle was traveling from Corpus Christi to Houston. Further research revealed that the suspect, Juan Villarreal Reyes, Jr., is a **confirmed member of the Raza Unida gang** (TAGIT).





On 28 JAN 2011: CID Amarillo received information that a stolen Peterbilt truck tractor was being stored at a shop in Amarillo. A search warrant was executed, and with the assistance of Amarillo PD and South Plains Auto Task Force, Agents observed identifiable parts of the truck as well a chopped Chevrolet Tahoe in a trailer on the property. 109.6 grams of methamphetamine and 9.9 grams of cocaine were seized, as well as \$2,470 US currency recovered from the ceiling tiles. One suspect was arrested.

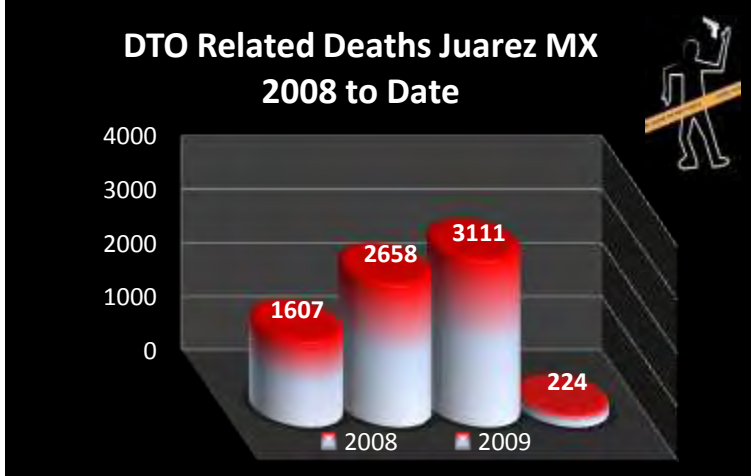


SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN MEXICO



Significant events in Mexico

JUÁREZ – On 05 FEB 2011 in one of the brutal attacks that occurred, gunmen killed three teenagers at a used car lot on Gómez Morín Boulevard and San Antonio streets. The victims were identified as Juan Carlos Echeverri Jr., 15, Carlos Mario González Bermudez, 16, and César Yalin Miramontes Jiménez, 17. Two were US citizens living in Juárez, who were attending private schools in El Paso. According to open source reporting, the victims who were eating at a nearby restaurant were approached and asked if they wanted to buy rims for a vehicle. Reports state that when they went to the car lot to look at vehicles, a group of gunmen arrived. The gunmen asked for the owner of the car lot, then shot the victims. One of the teenagers was found inside a white Jeep Cherokee, and the other two in the lot. Approximately 60 shell casings were found at the scene. Two sales managers escaped unharmed but refused to give any type of statement.



The number of DTO related homicides in Ciudad Juárez and surrounding communities continues to grow. There have been 40 DTO-related homicides during this reporting period, bringing the total to 44 for the month of February and 264 for the year.

Significant events in Mexico (cont)

CD. JUAREZ – The Mexican Army conducted a house-to-house search for armed men in colonia Melchar Ocampo on 07 FEB 2011. The search was based on tips from citizens. Two armed subjects were taken into custody at a house on Francisco Marquez Street. Seized during the search was one AK-47 with 170 rounds, one .380 pistol, 9mm and .357 magnum ammunition, and Ford Escape. A similar vehicle was used by assassins on Saturday when three men were killed at an auto repair shop in colonia El Granjero.



Mexican soldiers arriving in the neighborhood.



Ford Escape, weapons, and ammunition seized during the search.

Significant events in Mexico (cont)



CD. JUAREZ – The body of a man was discovered at on 04 FEB 2011 in a lot near an abandoned warehouse near the intersection of Santa Clara and Minaca streets in colonia Kilometro 5. The body displayed signs of torture and was wrapped in a blanket.



CD. JUAREZ – A man was forced off a passenger bus then shot and killed shortly after 1030 hours on 07 FEB 2011. The incident occurred on the Juarez-Porvenir Highway in front of “Yonke El Guero” near Alfredo Orta Street. Sixty-four 7.62 x 39 mm shell casings were recovered at the scene. No one else was reported injured.

On 08 FEB 2011, banners signed by a group called “El Poniente” were located on the road that leads to El Huarache, and at other locations within Torreon, Coahuila, and Gomez Palacio, Durango. Contained within the messages was an “urgent warning” directed to citizens in the area telling them to should stay in their homes given that neighborhoods located in the western sector of the city would be affected by a “clean up” operation against Los Zetas.



MONTERREY - Civilian motorists in Cadereyta just east of Monterrey called municipal police to report seeing human heads by the side of the road. When officers arrived, they found three human heads on a black plastic sheet. A few minutes later, another vehicle drove up and armed men picked up the heads, put them in plastic bags and drove off. Federal agents and soldiers who arrived later searched the area then left in search of the gunmen. The exact circumstances of the event is currently uncertain.



Significant events in Mexico (cont)



MONTERREY – Federal Police in Monterrey stopped a Nissan pickup truck on Highway 40. During the interview with the driver, the driver stated that he was a member of the Gulf Cartel. An inspection of the vehicle revealed ten AK 47 assault rifles, one .308 rifle, 4,675 rounds of ammunition, 116 magazines, five ammo vests, and communication equipment. The driver also stated that he was taking the

weapons to a safe house in Guadalupe, NL. Officers alerted Agents to the safe house in Guerrero where Agents were able to seize, nine- AK 47s with five drum magazines, one- AR 15, Two .308 rifles with four magazines, one 9mm handgun with magazine, 3,658 rounds of ammunition, six units of body armor, three vehicles, and other equipment. In all, 15 Gulf Cartel members were arrested.



MONTERREY – On 05 FEB 2011, AEI investigators recovered the body of Francisco Martínez, the Topo Chico Prison Security Chief from the interior of a box that had been left in front of a pharmacy near the Topo Chico Prison in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. Martínez was originally kidnapped from his home on 04 FEB 2011 by an armed group. The Topo Chico Prison has been the scene of numerous attacks in recent weeks.

Significant events in Mexico (cont)



SEDENA

SECRETARÍA DE LA
DEFENSA NACIONAL



SEDENA Officials introduced the latest tool to be used in the battle against DTOs. The Sandcat armored vehicle will be utilized by Mexican Special Forces troops along the northern and southern border regions. The Sandcat is equipped with level five armor which can withstand up to 50 caliber fire. It can carry up to eight personnel and has a capability to mount HK21 7.62 machine gun or Mk19 grenade launchers. SEDENA currently has six of the vehicles in use but will not disclose their locations.

The Sandcat is based on an "off-the-shelf" Ford Truck chassis cab, modified by Manning Equipment into a shorter, more maneuverable vehicle. The vehicle can reach speeds of 120 mph and has a payload capacity of two tons with an eight cylinder engine.



Significant events in Mexico (cont)

Mexico's Ministry of National Defense (SEDENA) reports that 13 gunmen were killed in battles with soldiers in San Fernando, Valle Hermoso and Nuevo Laredo despite the freezing weather. One suspect was arrested during a battle in Nuevo Laredo and two more men were arrested in Reynosa, and marijuana and equipment seized in Valle Hermoso and Tampico. Among the items seized in these cities were one armored car, eight vehicles, three grenade launchers, a grenade, 22 assault rifles, two handguns, ammunition, two Nextel radios, and marijuana.



SEDENA reports that more than 3.5 tons of marijuana was seized south of the border in Diaz Ordaz, Tamaulipas. Officials report that soldiers were out on patrol in the Poblado Santo Niño area just outside Diaz Ordaz when they came across the drugs in a wooded area. Soldiers reported finding 7,087 pounds of marijuana in 513 bundles covered by a tarp. No arrests were made but authorities believe the drugs are worth \$13.4 million dollars on the streets.

Significant events in Mexico (cont)

SEDENA



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REYNOSA - Elements of the Mexican Army liberated 37 men and 10 women who had been kidnapped and held in a house in the northern city of Reynosa. 44 of the victims were of from Guatemala. Three other victims were Mexican migrants. In addition to the kidnapped people, authorities also seized over 102 kilos of cocaine. SEDENA officials stated that the operation took place between Vicente Guerrero and Villanueva.



LOS RAMONES - Police discovered the mutilated remains of five Los Zetas members discarded along the highway between Monterrey and Reynosa, in the Los Ramones area. A state news agency said the bodies were naked, except for plastic bags. Some of the heads were wrapped with gray tape and had the letters CDG (Cartel del Golfo) written on them. A message was left behind on pieces of white cloth addressed to a high ranking Zeta.

Significant events in Mexico (cont)

In the evening of 07 FEB 2011, at least two grenades were thrown along a busy boulevard in Matamoros near two international bridges. Mexican Officials confirmed that two explosions went off at approximately 7:30 p.m. along Alvaro Obregon Boulevard near the intersection with Calle Sexta. Just five minutes before, a grenade had previously detonated near the Colonia Jardin neighborhood, which is close to a Mexican Navy military base. Details of the damages or if the explosions caused any injuries or casualties were not available, but at least two ambulances were called to the scene as authorities cordoned off the area. A military helicopter patrolled the skies looking for any suspicious activity. After the blast, all three international bridges in Brownsville remained open. A source with firsthand knowledge of criminal activity in Matamoros stated that these recent attacks are a continuation of the tactics of “heating up the plaza” which began a few weeks ago. The source stated that a group of Zetas are responsible for the attacks. They have had several heated firefights with the Gulf Cartel and the Mexican military during that time.



Significant events In Mexico (cont)

On 02 FEB 2011, USBP Zapata Marine Unit and Special Operations Division (SOD) agents received information about an island close to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, across from San Ygnacio, TX, being used as a stash area for a large load of marijuana. The Laredo International Liaison Unit (ILU) contacted the SEDENA in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas to coordinate enforcement efforts. SEDENA engaged in a gun battle with an unknown group. USBP Zapata Marine Unit and SOD agents apprehended two male subjects attempting to cross the Rio Grande to the US to avoid capture by SEDENA. Subjects were identified as Job Reyes-Ledesma and Erick Aaron Duran-Hernandez and transferred to USBP Zapata Station where they were interviewed by Homeland Security Investigators and Joint Terrorism Task Force Agents. Reyes was wearing a medallion that affiliated him with Los Zetas DTO. Both subjects were identified as Zeta estaca (commando group of 4-5 members). SEDENA arrested one male and four females, on the Mexican side. Two unidentified male subjects were killed in the gun battle with SEDENA.



Medallion found on Reyes

Job Reyes-Ledesma



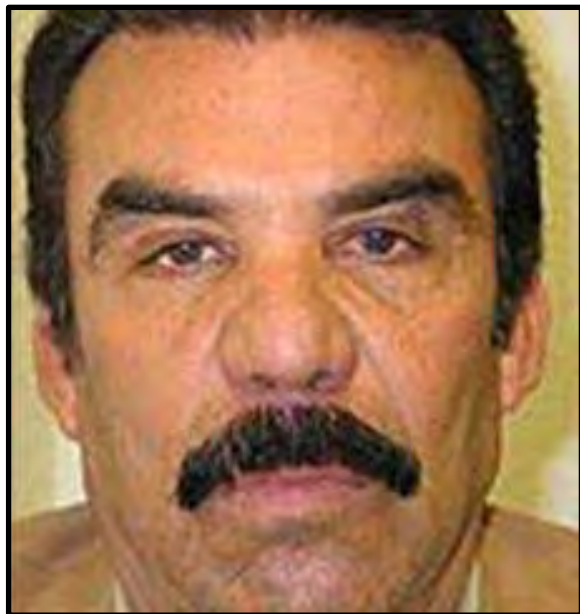
Erick Aaron Duran-Hernandez



Weapons seized on the Mexico side by SEDENA

Significant Events in Mexico

ZAPOPAN – A joint operation between state and municipal police led to the arrest of Jose Luis MORA Moreno, 33, and the dismantling of a drug lab in Zapopan, Jalisco. The arrest was made after officers noted that a man travelling on a silver 2003 CBR motorcycle with U.S. plates tried to escape after noticing police presence in the area. After a short pursuit, MORA Moreno attempted to take refuge inside a residence located on 3846 Osa Mayor Street, between Orion and Cruz del Sur Streets, in the La Calma neighborhood. After searching the residence in question, officers were able to dismantle a drug lab and seize 1.4 kilograms of crystal meth from the suspect.



QUERETARO – Adam Salazar Zamorano aka “Don Adam” one of Mexico's most wanted alleged drug traffickers in the United States and confidant of Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman, was captured Saturday in Queretaro by the Federal Police. He is the father of Jesus Alfredo Salazar aka “El Indio”, who is a licensed pilot. “Don Adam” has been linked to a narco attack against the town of Creel, Chihuahua, which left eight people dead in 2010. DEA accuses him of controlling the production and drug trafficking in the Golden Triangle, comprising Chihuahua, Durango and Sinaloa, as well as “El Indio”.

Significant Events in Mexico (cont)

MICHOACAN – On 04 FEB 2011, Mexican soldiers responding to an anonymous tip set up an operation that resulted in the dismantling of a cell dedicated to kidnapping and extortion activities and the arrest of six individuals. The operation in question took place at a residence located in the Guayabitas neighborhood of Tlazazalca, Michoacan.

Items seized from the detained individuals were identified as:

- Two (2) recent model vehicles
- Military clothing
- Four (4) AR-15s
- Two (2) 9mm pistols
- One (1) .380 caliber weapon
- One (1) .45 caliber weapon
- 15 magazines
- Hundreds of rounds of ammunition
- An undetermined number of fragmentation grenades
- Radios
- An undetermined amount of cash



OPERATION BORDER STAR UPDATES & ASSESSMENT



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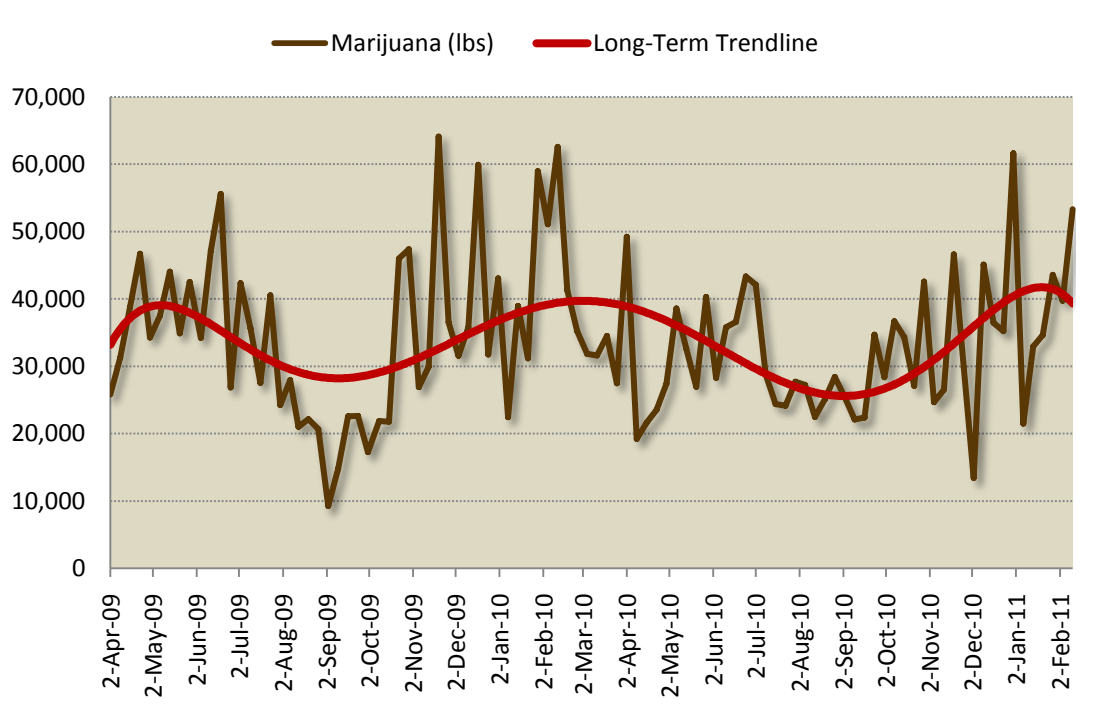


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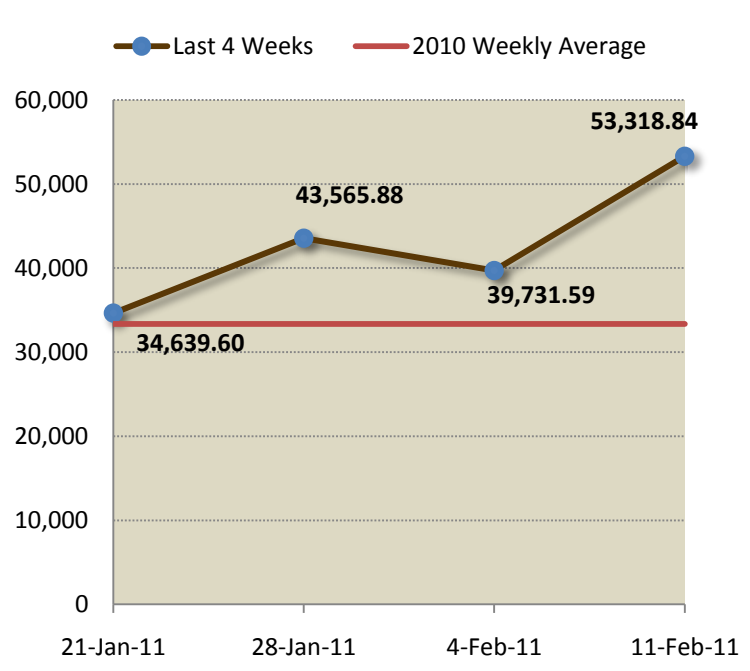
OBS Weekly Assessment

Marijuana seizures increased from 39,731.59 lbs last week to 53,318.84 lbs this week. Based on information received from a US citizen, Harlingen BP Agents in the RGV sector found a small sophisticated marijuana farm near Los Indios, TX, consisting of four plots, each with an average of 35 rows; each row had an average of fifty plants for an estimated 1,750 plants. Evidence indicates that plants had already been harvested and the product removed from the area. The Marfa Sector reported the seizure of 2,681 lbs of marijuana hidden inside metal boxes under the metal floor sheeting in the bed of a flatbed semi tractor trailer. The total estimated street value for reported marijuana seizures during this reporting period is **\$46.9 million**.

Marijuana Seizures (lbs) Long-Term View



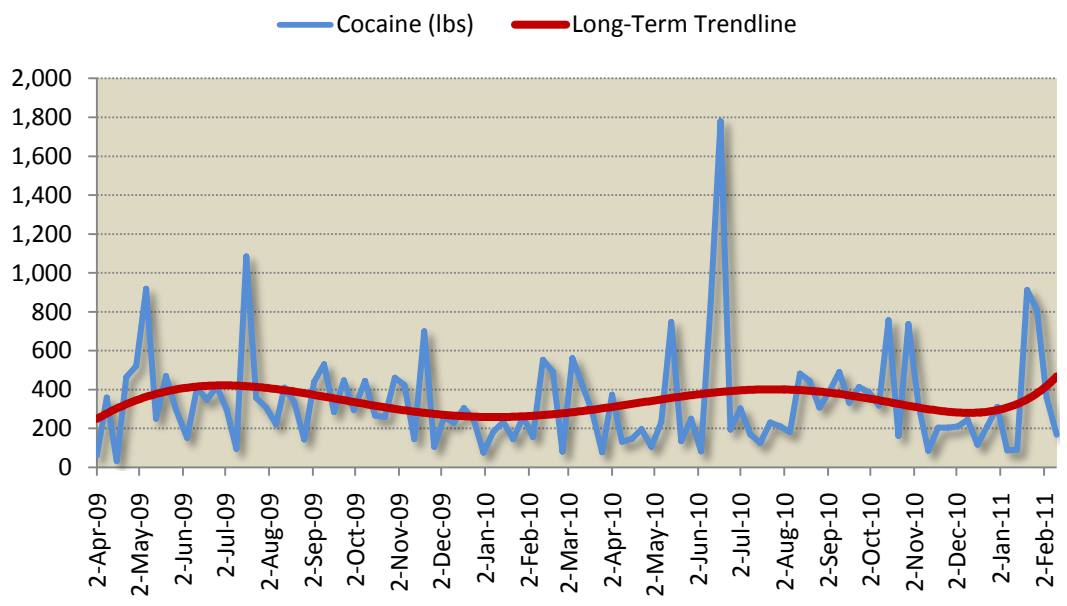
Marijuana Seizures (lbs) Short-Term View



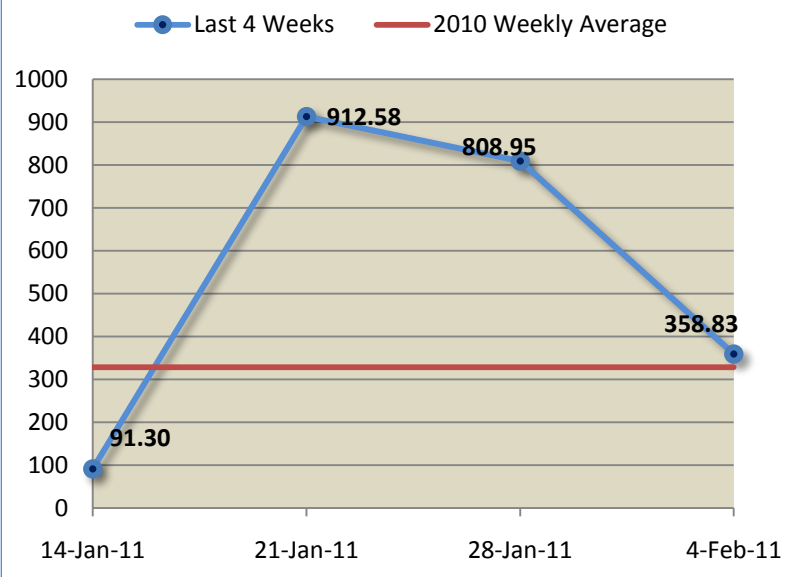
OBS Weekly Assessment (cont)

Cocaine seizures decreased more than half of last week's total, from 808.95 lbs last week to 358.83 lbs this week. The largest total seizures occurred in the Del Rio Sector. The Laredo Sector's cocaine seizures dropped the most dramatically from 109.48 lbs to 0.09 lbs. The total estimated street value for reported cocaine seizures totaled **\$11.9 million**.

Cocaine Seizures (lbs) Long-Term View



Cocaine Seizures (lbs) Short-Term View

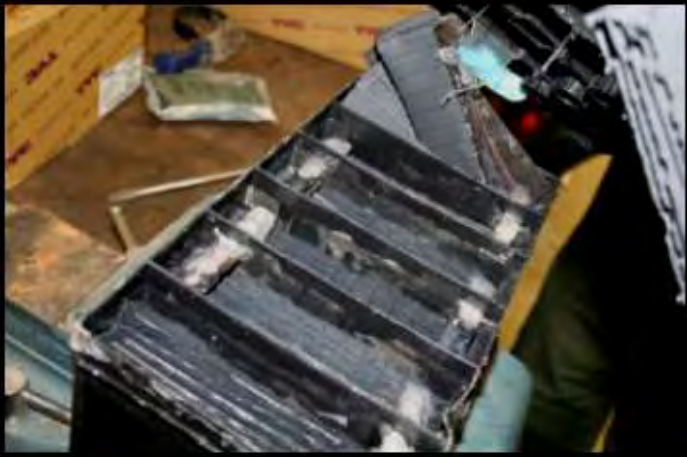


Heroin and methamphetamine seizures reported for this week's reporting period total 0 lbs and 54.14 lbs, respectively. The largest single seizure occurred in the RGV sector. At the Pharr POE headed northbound, CBP Officers seized 10.58 kg of crystal Methamphetamine in the engine manifold of a 2008 Toyota Tundra with Georgia license plates.



OBS Weekly Assessment (cont)

In the Del Rio Sector, a THP Trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer on US-90 in Brackettville, resulting in the seizure of cocaine concealed inside three vehicle batteries. Between DEC 2009 and AUG 2010, the Laredo Sector reported six incidences of cocaine, five in Webb Co and one in Hopkins Co, concealed in this manner. The contraband in most of these seizure were placed into individual slots inside the battery. One particular sign of tampering was a fake manufacturer label where the name brand was misspelled.



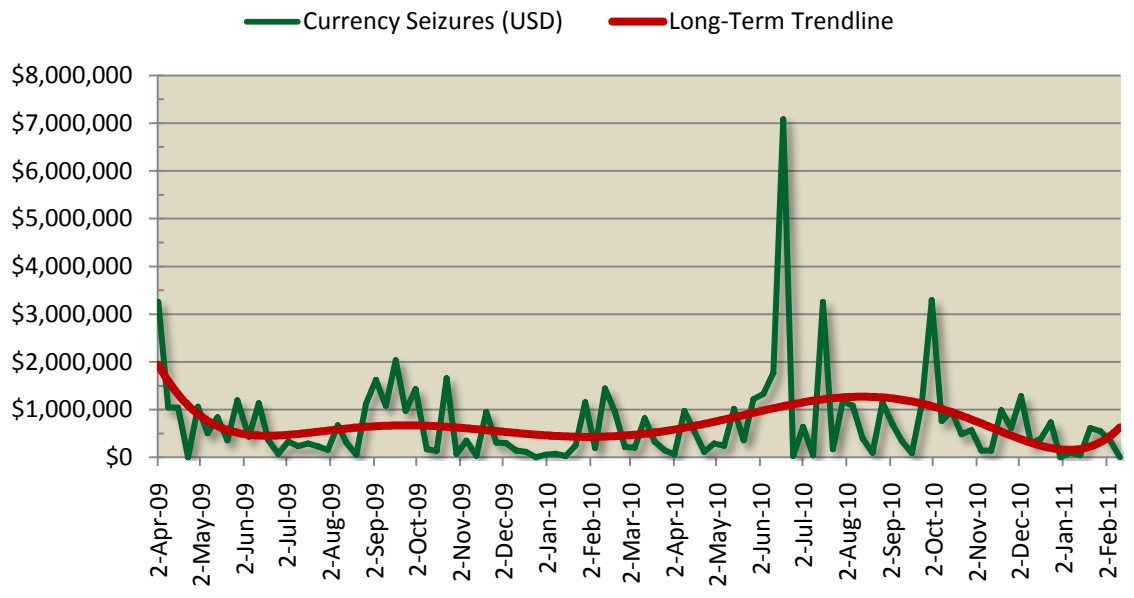
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Date/Time	Location	Seizure
12/16/2009 @2115 hrs	US-83 Checkpoint	27 lbs METH
12/19/2009 @1853 hrs	Gateway to the Americas Bridge	2.23 kg. METH
12/18/2009 @ 1030 hrs	Lincoln Juarez Bridge	5.16 kg Cocaine
06/10/2010 @ 1330 hrs	Lincoln Juarez Bridge	7 kg Cocaine
08/30/2010 1330 hrs	Lincoln Juarez Bridge	7 kg Cocaine
09/09/10	Hopkins County	8.8 lbs of crystal METH

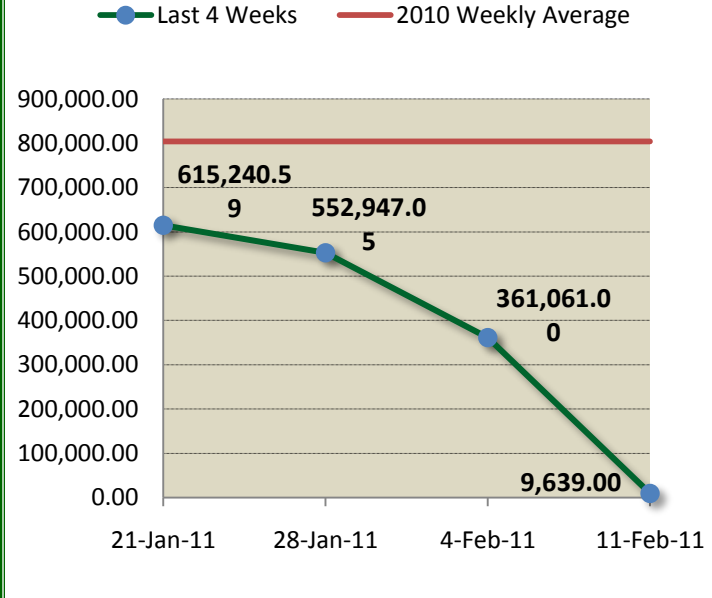
OBS Weekly Assessment (cont)

Bulk currency seizures decreased dramatically from \$361,061 USD for last week to \$9,639 USD this week. Three sectors reported no currency seizures for this reporting period. The largest total seizure of \$7,157 USD occurred in the Coastal Bend Sector from only two incidences.

Currency Seizures (\$) Long-Term View



Currency Seizures (\$) Short-Term View



The **street value of all contraband seized this week** represents a loss to Mexican DTOs and the criminal networks that support them of approximately **\$59.8 million**.

Illegal alien apprehensions increased this week. The highest amount of apprehensions occurred in the Rio Grande Valley Sector, followed by the Laredo Sector. So far this year, the top three OTM groups originate from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

OBS Weekly Assessment (cont)



Not actual product seized

On 10 FEB 2011, DPS-San Antonio seized 30 bottles of liquid codeine concealed behind the console radio. The incident continued the trend of seizures originating in California destined for Houston, TX. In the past, the BOSA reported that the Marfa Sector observed a marked increase in apprehensions involving codeine. The drug is often carried in the original bottle with prescription labels removed. Occasionally, the drug is transferred into a different container in an attempt to make it harder to detect. Common containers include ice tea bottles, fruit drinks, and fruit

juices. These bottles or containers are often placed inside luggage onboard commercial busses, or secreted in hidden compartments in vehicles.

Promethazine with Codeine first gained popularity in the underground rap scene in Houston, where it was consumed as early as the 1960s and 1970s, becoming more widespread in the early 1990s. It is typically mixed with ingredients such as 7-Up soft drink and pieces of Jolly Rancher candy. There are numerous slang terms for this mixture including: purple drank, sizzurp, lean, syrup, purple jelly, purple oil, and Texas tea.



On 08 FEB 2011 Frisco PD reported another break in of a government vehicle. The vehicle is owned by the US Department of Treasury. The subject took a blue triad EWH outer ballistic vest and a black mysafe A-DHSM outer ballistic vest. Both had "IRS CI" and "Dept of Treasury" patches attached. In the past month, the BOSA reported five theft incidences of law enforcement (LE) equipment. One theft occurred in Laredo, TX, three near the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and one in Frisco, TX.



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