

State of the Arizona-Sonora Border.

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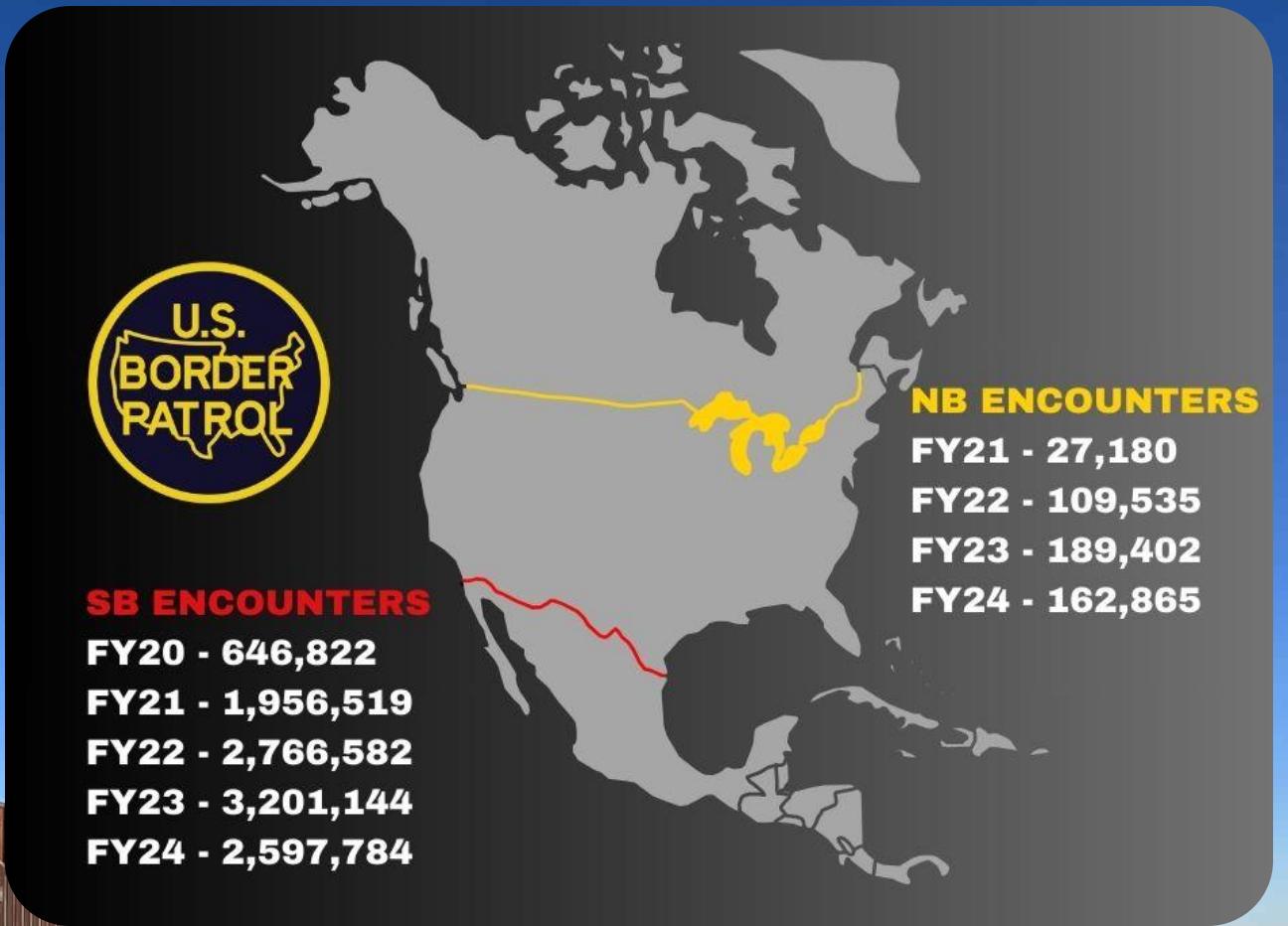




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The Border Crisis

The Border Crisis consists of two distinct yet interconnected crises:

- A crisis of criminals illegally entering the United States.
- A humanitarian crisis of millions of migrants seeking asylum.
- Both are aggravated by cartels using social media and all social media platforms to openly engage in criminal behavior.



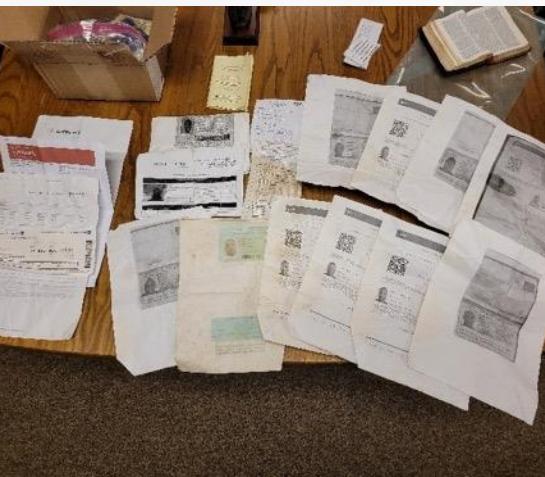
Asylum Seekers

- An estimated 7 million asylum-seeking migrants have entered the United States since January of 2021.
- D.H.S. can only house asylum seekers for a certain amount of time within its facilities. As a result, D.H.S. transports asylum seekers to other facilities for processing and then releases them into those communities.
- Over 35,000 migrants have been released into Cochise County since May of 2023.
- Migrants are given a court date of up to 8 years for their asylum hearing.



Asylum Abuse?

- Yuma County Sheriff Wilmot finds thousands of identification cards where migrants congregate.
- An estimated 85-90% of asylum-seeking migrants do not qualify for asylum.



Cochise County: Ground Zero for America's Border Crisis.





Cochise County

- Is the 38th largest county in the United States.
- Encompasses 6300 square miles.
- Shares 83 miles of border fence with Sonora Mexico.
- Has a population of 126,000.
- C.C.S.O. has 101 Sworn Deputy Positions.





Cochise County is rich in history.

- Fort Huachuca is the primary military base for military intelligence and communications. Fort Huachuca and corresponding contracting agencies are central to the security of the United States.
- Tombstone.
- Bisbee.
- Willcox (once known as the cattle capital of the nation).
- Sierra Vista, Arizona was ranked 25th best place to live in the United States, by Fortune.





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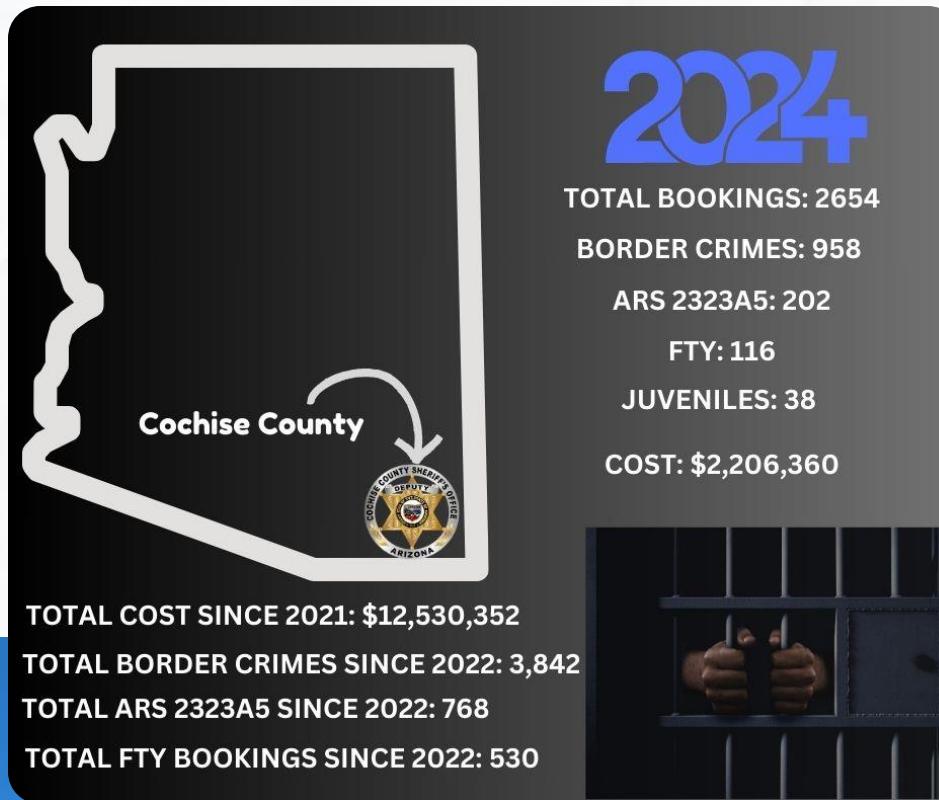
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COCHISE COUNTY:

A historic Community overshadowed by border crime.

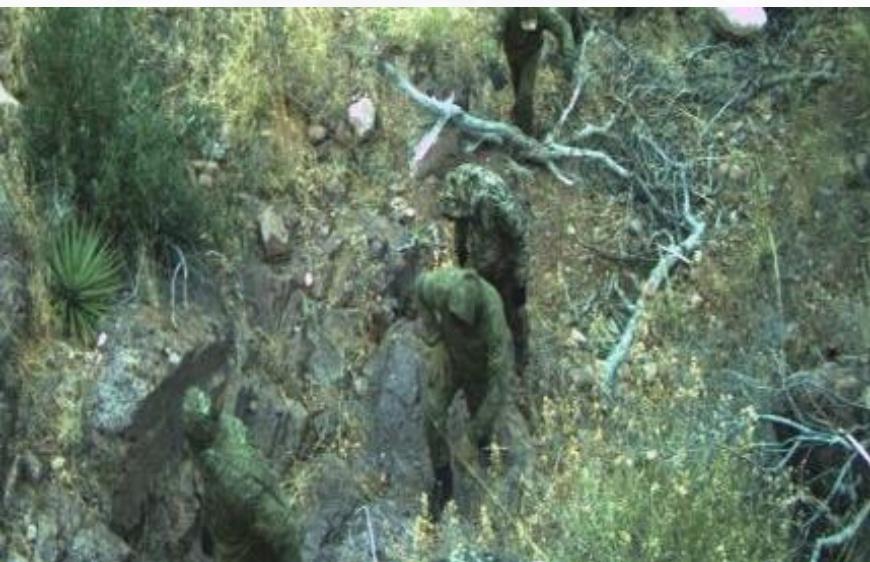
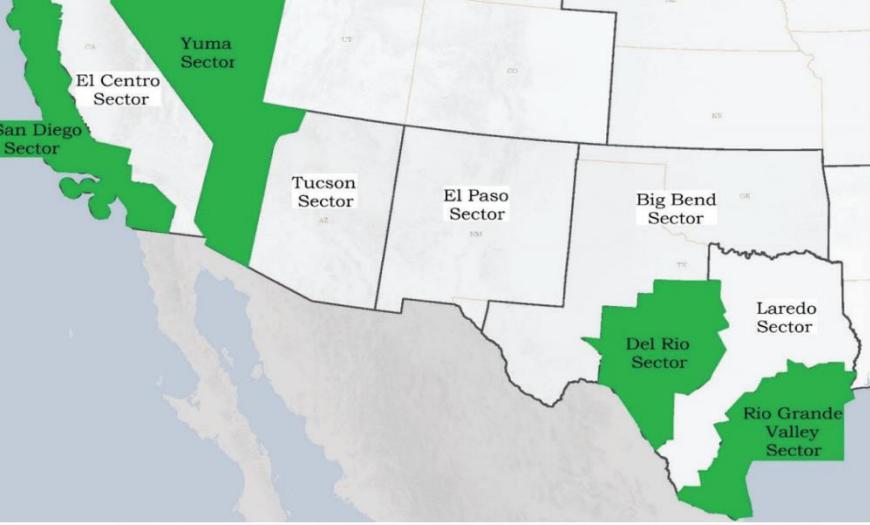


A photograph showing a large pile of seized fentanyl packages. The packages are wrapped in various materials, including brown paper, plastic, and blue bubble wrap. They are stacked in cardboard boxes and bags. In the background, there are some papers and a small electronic device. The scene is set in what appears to be a law enforcement or customs office.

Arizona: Currently, the fentanyl capital of the Nation.

- In 2023, an estimated 12,000 pounds of fentanyl was seized in the entire U.S.
- Since January 2023, Cochise County Law Enforcement has seized a staggering 969 pounds of fentanyl.
- Over 50% (68,362,323) of all fentanyl seized in 2022, was seized in Arizona.
- Of the 68,362,323 pills seized in Arizona, 46.74% (31,954,213) were seized within Cochise County or within 20 miles of Cochise County. This equates to 23.37% of all fentanyl seized in the United States was seized within Cochise County or within 20 miles of Cochise County.





Arizona; leading the way in between-port entries.

- In 2022, of the 561,553 migrants who were apprehended while illegally entering the United States between ports of entry, 44.87% or 251,954 migrants were apprehended within the Tucson Sector.





In 2022, C.C.S.O:

- Has experienced 40% increase in operational tempo as a direct result of the border crisis.
- Booked 1578 people into the C.C.S.O. Jail for border related felonious offenses; 1500 were U.S. Citizens.
- Detained 3049 undocumented aliens.
- Investigated 601 border related crimes where people were feloniously victimized.





Also, in 2022, C.C.S.O:

- Detected 66,620 undocumented aliens on S.A.B.R.E. digital cameras.
- Of those 66,620, coordinated the physical apprehension of 25,500.
- Investigated 1,306 human smuggling events.
- Investigated smuggling incidents where 882 smugglers were prosecuted.



Teens are promised a quick cash for Human Smuggling.



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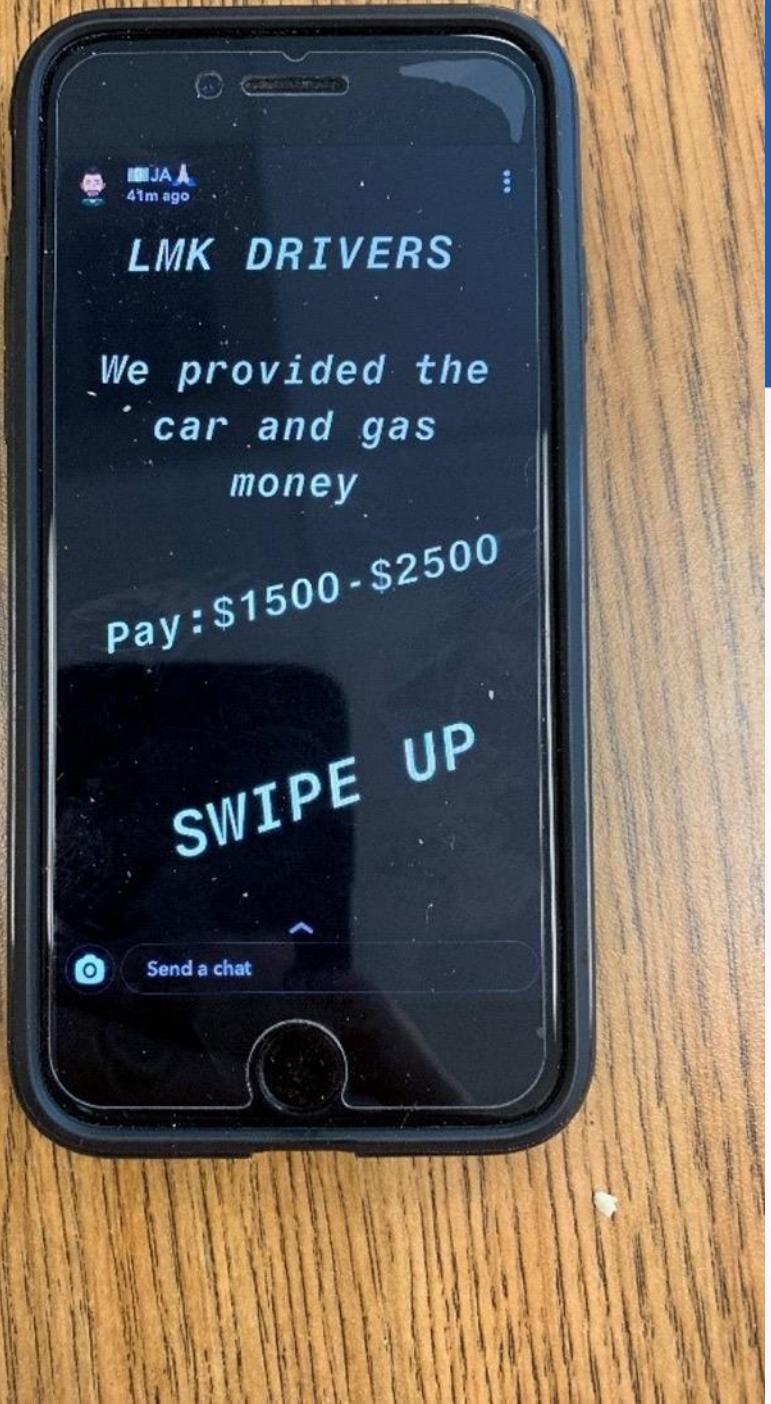
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Border Crisis: Multi-Phased Problem.

- Migrants cross the border into Cochise County in head-to-toe camouflage. S.A.B.R.E. Cameras deployed detect 10-15 migrants per hour seven days a week.
- Methods of entry include crawling over the 31-foot border wall or traversing rough mountainous terrain where no wall exists.
- Migrants then use cellular telephones to communicate with facilitators using social media platforms to arrange transport.



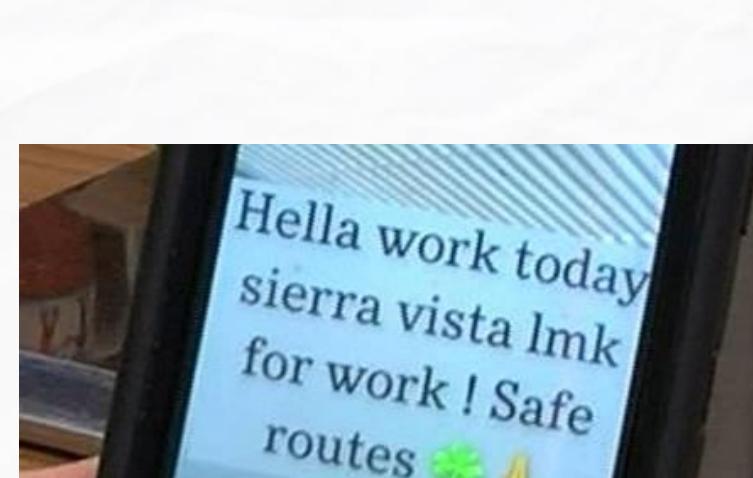
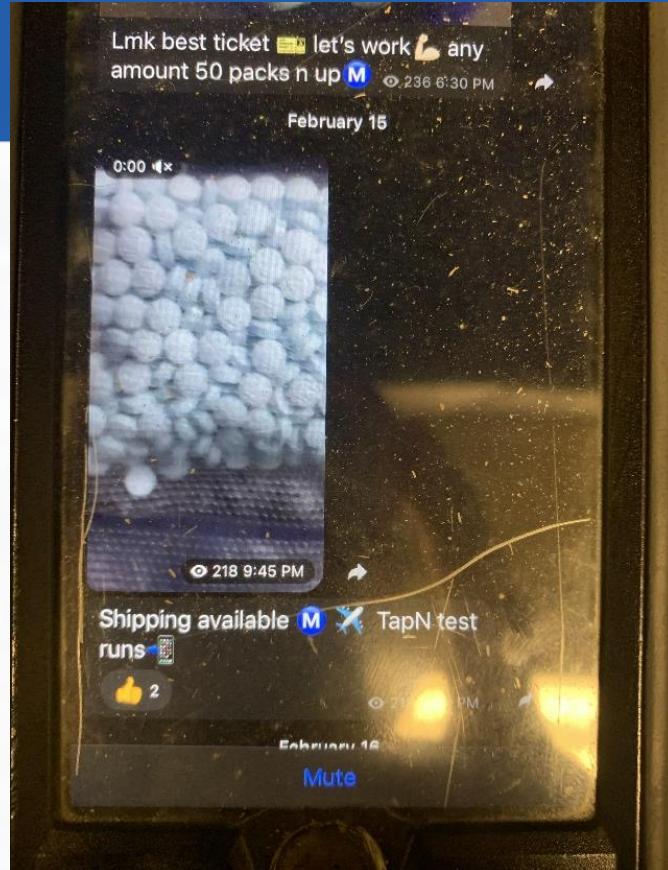


The Recruitment:

- Facilitators use social media platforms to recruit smugglers as young as 12 years old.
- Nearly 1500 smugglers come into Cochise County a month to smuggle migrants from Cochise County.



Social Media Platforms blatantly publish criminal activity, facilitating the trafficking of humans and narcotics.





The Pursuit:

- Smugglers are incentivized to flee from law enforcement at all costs.
- Cochise County Law Enforcement are involved in an estimated 2 to 10 failure to yield incidents per day.
- In 2022, CCSO arrested 232 people for failure to yield.
- Over 100 teenagers have been arrested for failure to yield during a smuggling event in the last 18 months.





The Border Crisis: Death and Destruction

- 9 people died between October 30, 2021, and December 31, 2022, from smuggling related traffic collisions..
- Between March 01, 2022, and December 31, 2022, 601 people were feloniously victimized from smuggling related pursuits.
- 13 people have been murdered during border-related traffic collisions since January 2022.





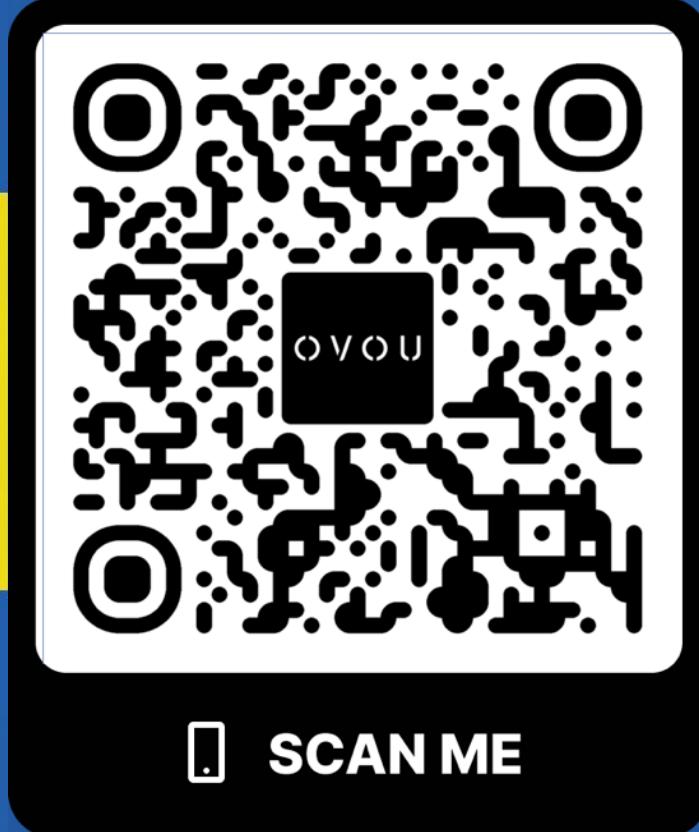
Not Nameless Victims: Wanda Sitoski

- 16-year-old smuggler, Felix Mendez came to Cochise County to exploit human beings. Failed to stop for Law enforcement even after pursuit was terminated.
- Felix continued traveling in excess of 80 mph in 55 mph zone without being perused.
- Ran red light at over 80 mph, split Wanda's car in half, killing her in a fiery inferno.



What can you do to prevent
teens from smuggling?





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