

State of the Arizona-Sonora Border.

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The Cochise County Sheriff's Office





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Border Crisis.





SB ENCOUNTERS

FY20 - 646,822
FY21 - 1,956,519
FY22 - 2,766,582
FY23 - 3,201,144
FY24 - 2,597,784



NB ENCOUNTERS

FY21 - 27,180
FY22 - 109,535
FY23 - 189,402
FY24 - 162,865

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.



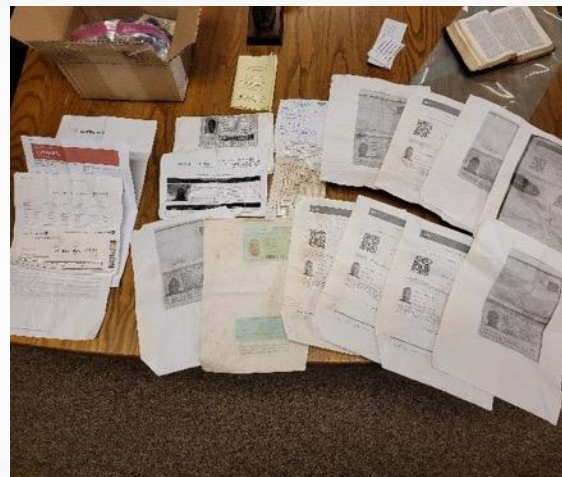
Asylum Seekers

- 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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**A historic Community
overshadowed by border
crime.**



2024

TOTAL BOOKINGS: 2654

BORDER CRIMES: 958

ARS 2323A5: 202

FTY: 116

JUVENILES: 38


COST: \$2,206,360

TOTAL COST SINCE 2021: \$12,530,352

TOTAL BORDER CRIMES SINCE 2022: 3,842

TOTAL ARS 2323A5 SINCE 2022: 768

TOTAL FTY BOOKINGS SINCE 2022: 530



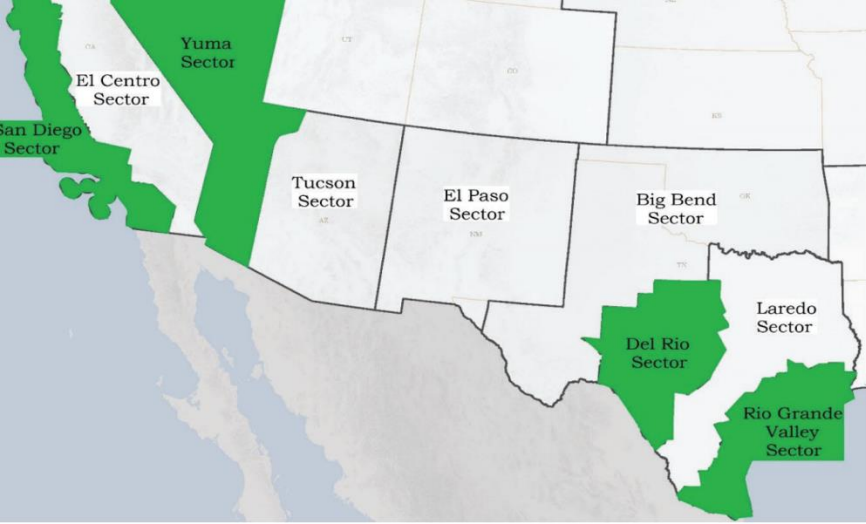




Arizona: Currently, the fentanyl capital of the Nation.

- 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.



ns promised quick cash through social media for human smuggling

Report by
Scripps National News



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.



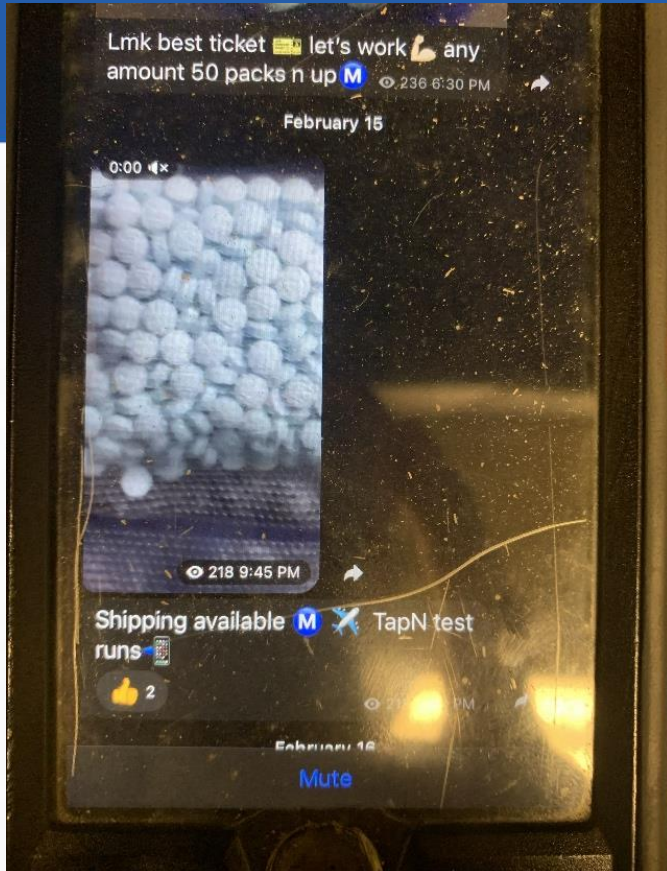


The Recruitment:

- 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.





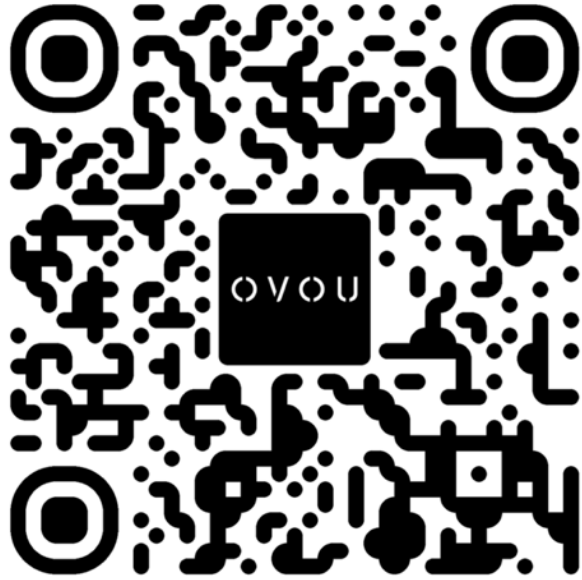
Not Nameless Victims: Wanda Sitoski

- 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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