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Community Informational

TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL -- In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov. Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES

(AJO) In two separate incidents during the past weekend, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Sector's Ajo station seized just over one ton of marijuana, valued at approximately \$1,691,200. On Friday night, agents using mobile surveillance technology detected a group of suspected illegal aliens on the Santa Rosa Mountains twelve miles east of the Lukeville, Ariz. Port of Entry. Agents searched the area and located 1,073 pounds of abandoned marijuana. In a second incident early Sunday, agents located a stolen 2005 Dodge Ram Truck abandoned near State Route 85 containing 1,041 pounds of marijuana. The vehicle and marijuana seized in both incidents were transported to the Ajo Station for processing.

(CASA GRANDE) U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Tucson Sector's Casa Grande Station seized more than 1,800 pounds of marijuana. The estimated value of the contraband is approximately \$1.4 million. Border Patrol agents responding to detection technology in the West Desert discovered 105 bundles of marijuana that had been abandoned. A thorough search of the area was conducted and it was determined that a vehicle had unloaded the bundles then absconded in order to avoid arrest. The marijuana, weighing more than 1,800 pounds, was transported to the Casa Grande Station for processing.

(TUCSON SECTOR) Border Patrol agents and members of the National Guard coordinated with Mexican authorities to prevent a drug smuggling attempt near Naco, Arizona. Mexican officials responded and seized approximately 45 pounds of marijuana, a sport utility vehicle, and a catapult capable of launching contraband into the United States.

As part of the September 8th deployment of 504 National Guard personnel to the Tucson Sector, National Guard Troops assigned to operate the remote video surveillance system at the Naco Border Patrol Station observed several individuals just south of the International Boundary Fence preparing a

catapult. Border Patrol agents assigned to the International Liaison Unit contacted Mexican authorities who responded to the area and disrupted the catapult operation. Camera operators observed individuals fleeing the area, presumably to avoid apprehension.

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