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Brownsville Port of Entry CBP Officers Seize \$122K in Cocaine at Gateway International Bridge

BROWNSVILLE, Texas – U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Gateway International Bridge intercepted a load of alleged cocaine. CBP officers discovered the alleged narcotics, valued at approximately \$122,740, hidden within a white 1994 Ford Ranger.

“I am pleased with our officers’ diligence and their commitment in safeguarding our borders,” said (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Brownsville Port of Entry, “This is another success in keeping these drugs out of our streets and our nation secure.”

The seizure took place on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Gateway International Bridge when a 20-year-old male United States citizen who resides in Brownsville, Texas, applied for entry into the United States driving a white 1994 Ford Ranger. The vehicle was referred to CBP secondary for further examination after a primary inspection. With the help of a K-9 unit, CBP officers discovered six packages hidden within the vehicle. CBP officers removed the packages which contained a total of 15.92 pounds of alleged cocaine.

The estimated street value of the narcotics from the seizure is approximately \$122,740.

CBP officers seized the narcotics along with the vehicle, arrested the driver and turned him over to the custody of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) special agents for further investigation.

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CBP Office of Field Operations at the Brownsville Port of Entry is part of the Joint Task Force-West South Texas Corridor, which leverages federal, state and local resources to combat transnational criminal organizations.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.



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OFO Briefings

- Date:** 01/31/2017
Subject: Briefing for staff from the House Committee on Homeland Security regarding an update on biometric entry-exit.
Participants: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
[redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
- Date:** 01/31/2017
Subject: Briefing for staff from the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Subcommittees on Homeland Security regarding CBP's implementation of the President's Executive Order dated January 27, 2017.
Participants: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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- Date:** 02/01/2017
Subject: [redacted] (b)(7)(E) t
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the current maritime security picture.
Participants: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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CBP Briefings

- Date:** 01/31/2017
Subject: Member meeting with Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ-2), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security ahead of the February 16, 2017 hearing regarding Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) threats.
Participants: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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- Date:** 02/02/2017
Subject: [redacted] (b)(7)(E)
[redacted] (b)(7)(E)
Participants: [redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
[redacted] (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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- **Date:** 02/02/2017
Subject: Briefing for staff from the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Subcommittees on Homeland Security regarding OPR and the polygraph program.

Participants: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

- **Date:** 02/03/2017
Subject: Briefing for staff from the Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Homeland Security regarding CDSOA interest and bonding collection issues.

Participants: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Congressional Delegations without Members (STAFFDEL)

- February 7-11 (tentative): Staff from the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Homeland Security will tour CBP operations in and around El Paso, San Antonio, and McAllen, TX. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OCA) is coordinating.

Congressional Delegations with Members (CODEL)

- February 20-22: Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX), Thom Tillis (R-NC), Dean Heller (R-NV), and John Kennedy (R-LA), and Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC-7) will receive an aerial orientation of the RGV and DRT, as well as a DRT Sector HQ briefing from USBP. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OCA) is coordinating.
- February 22: Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI-1), Speaker of the House, will tour DHS operations in and around McAllen, TX. The Speaker will likely be accompanied by a small group of select Members (TBD). (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OCA) is coordinating.

Hearings

- February 16: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) will testify before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security during a hearing regarding Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO) threats. Assistant Director Matt Allen (ICE HSI) and Vice Admiral Charles Ray (USCG) will also testify. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OCA) is coordinating.
- February 16 (tentative): The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee will host a hearing regarding maritime cargo security, including 100% scanning. DHS and CBP witnesses will be invited to testify. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OCA) is coordinating.

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- March TBD (tentative): The House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security will hold a hearing regarding DHS Southern Border and Approaches Campaign Joint Task Force (JTF) operations to address TCO threats. The Subcommittee is expected to invite the three JTF Directors to testify. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (OCA) is coordinating.

DHS Hearings

- None.

Events

- None.

Notes

- The House and Senate are in session.

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