

*ARIZONA BORDER EVENTS CHRONOLOGY*

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The following addendum is designed to be a helpful guide on many (not all due to insufficient space) Arizona-related border events, in chronological order up until June 2010. Much of this information I utilized in the *Hidden Cameras on the Arizona Border 2: Guns, Drugs and 850 Illegal Aliens* mini-documentary. The information is sorted into five categories, by date: Arizona, Deaths/Violence, Drug Smuggling, Alien Smuggling, and Money.

**Arizona**

**May 2010:** Nearly one in every three Arizona children is an immigrant or a native-born son or daughter of immigrants; an estimated 61% of Arizona children age 6 and under have foreign-born parents.

The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association says that state institutions lose about \$24 million annually, after federal compensation, for treating undocumented immigrants.

<http://morrisoninstitute.asu.edu/publications-reports/2010-illegal-immigration-perceptions-and-realities-1>  
(1)

**April 25, 2010:** About \$2 million of drug money passes from Arizona into Mexico each day — one of several indicators that illegal drug trafficking is flourishing, according to Anthony Coulson of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

<http://www.eacourier.com/articles/2010/04/25/news/doc4bd23aa6e6feb251879518.txt> (2)

**April 23, 2010:** President Obama harshly criticizes Arizona for bringing forward a bill that would make illegal entry and embedding in the state a crime and enable police officers to ask immigration status, stating that legalization of undocumented aliens is the answer while supporting a decrease in Border Patrol agents, the stoppage of both virtual and physical fencing, and the disintegration of programs that enable state police officers to garner immigration status.

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703709804575202110136576160.html?mod=WSJ\\_latesheadlines](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703709804575202110136576160.html?mod=WSJ_latesheadlines) (3)

**April 1, 2010:** KGUN9 News in Tucson obtains a response from the White House on Arizona Governor Brewer’s request to add National Guard to the patrol ranks in her state, promising no help other than to “monitor” the situation. After five written requests by the Governor over the past year and a half to the President and her predecessor as governor, Secretary Napolitano, Governor Brewer has not received a response.

By the end of the business day, the reporter was able to obtain this carefully worded statement from White House spokesman Adam Abrams: “The President is firmly committed to ensuring our borders are secure. It is why the Administration has taken important steps – including deploying additional law enforcement resources to reduce illegal flows across the border and supporting Mexico's efforts against drug trafficking organizations. We are carefully monitoring the situation and will continue to ensure that we are doing everything necessary to keep communities along the Southwest border safe.”

<http://www.kgun9.com:80/Global/story.asp?S=12244731> (4)

**March 17, 2010:** The Project 28, a pilot of virtual fence for the Southwest border comes to a halt. To the west, in Organ Pipe National Monument—nearly half of it closed because it is both unsafe and disseminated by illegals, DOI Secretary Salazar praises the state of border security and discusses the value of completing a virtual fence similar to the one frozen by Secretary Napolitano the day before.

**March 16, 2010:** Secretary Napolitano calls the Secure Border Initiative (SBI) “plagued” and freezes all assets to maintain SBI, orders another review, and then redirects \$50 million to a whole new process of deploying commercially available technologies. Senator McCain praises the action.

**February 2010:** In fiscal year (FY) 2008, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers along the U.S.-Mexico border discovered 16 subterranean tunnels, the majority of which were in the Tucson Sector, which encompasses a border area of 262 miles from the New Mexico state line to Yuma County, Arizona. In FY2009, authorities discovered 26 subterranean tunnels, 20 of which were in the Tucson Sector, primarily in the area of Nogales.

<http://www.justice.gov/ndic/pubs38/38661/> (5)

**January 28, 2010:** With its numbers right behind Mexico City, Phoenix is the number two kidnapping capital of the world.

Some officials have commented that all the Phoenix kidnappings are connected to illegal immigration. However, the actual numbers (359 in 2007, a 10-year high, 366 in 2008, and 302 for the first 11 months of 2009) account for just one-third of the reported kidnappings taking place in the metropolitan area. People are just not reporting all the kidnappings.

<http://www.drugaddictiontreatment.com/addiction-news/drug-crimes/phoenix-number-two-kidnapping-capital-as-drug-cartel-wars-intensify/> (6)

**October 22, 2009:** “Right now, the volume of marijuana that will be seized in southern Arizona will be approximately, we predict, 1.4 million pounds [700 tons] by the end of this calendar year. That is beyond what we've ever seized before,” Coulson said.

While that number is staggering and can be credited to effective and coordinated law enforcement efforts, agents said, it only represents an estimated 20 percent of all the marijuana that will enter the U.S. through Arizona this year. That means another 7 million pounds (3,500 tons) is being smuggled into the U.S. undetected through this state alone.

The DEA estimates that the drug cartels generate about \$10 billion annually from the sale of drugs which pass through Arizona alone.

Another technique involves the use of specially designed trucks with ramps built in the back and front. These trucks pull up next to the barbed-wire border fence and lower one of the ramps over to the U.S. side, while the other ramp slides down the back of the vehicle. Smugglers in SUVs loaded with drugs then drive across these mobile truck-bridges into Arizona without ever touching the fence. From there

they race north across the desert to offload their contraband.  
[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/33433955/ns/us\\_news-crime\\_and\\_courts/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/33433955/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/) (7)

**October 2009:** Border Patrol arrests Mexican and El Salvadorean gang members in Willcox AZ, matching their fingerprints to criminal databases.  
<http://willcoxrangeneews.com/articles/2009/10/22/news/news01.txt> (8)

**August 2009:** In response to our July release of our Hidden Cameras on the Arizona border video, Border Patrol mounts a 24/7 operation to close off alien access to prevent alien foot traffic from the border to the mountains where borderinvasionpics.com hides cameras. Agents tell our sources the effort will be permanent and it includes an increase in agents patrolling the area south of the mountains 24/7, scope trucks, quads. Further north where we showed photos and footage from other hidden cameras and pollution, agents are setting up tent cities and catching illegals there. Campgrounds are closed too, because the alien trash is attracting bears, and the bears are apparently more of a menace than the drug movers. At least temporarily, the video is working.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the National Drug Intelligence Center does a special report on Arizona's Tohono O'odham Reservation's 75 mile border with Mexico, noting that it is only protected by vehicle barriers, and wire gates, and as a result is one of the heaviest human smuggling and marijuana, heroin and methamphetamine smuggling corridors in the country, where pedestrians, horses and load vehicles easily pass through its remote regions.

**April 2009:** DHS Secretary Napolitano announces \$400 million that is slated for Americans who have lost their jobs and homes must instead be redirected to securing the southwest border for better technologies at ports of entry. She also moves 360 Border Patrol from the northern border, but then cut the number of agents across the board eight months later. She realigns teams working on violent criminals, but does not seek more resources for the immigration and customs agents assigned to these teams to fight violent criminals, drugs, arms and cash smuggling. She provides an extra \$10 million to the four U.S.-Mexico Border States, Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas, but ignores requests for National Guard support.

**March 2009:** DHS Secretary Napolitano states in a press conference when asked about finishing the physical fencing in the southwest, that she will only "complete the sections that had already been begun and for which there already were appropriations." A year later, she will kill the virtual fencing project in Arizona as well.

**December 2008:** Law enforcement agencies in the Nogales, Arizona area continue to receive information regarding the use of subterranean tunnels to transfer both narcotics and undocumented migrants from Nogales, Sonora, Mexico into the United States. The tunnels usually tie into the drainage system and at least 30 tunnels have been discovered between 1990 and 2008.  
[http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/state\\_factsheets/arizona.html](http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/state_factsheets/arizona.html) (9)

**September 2006:** A federal report's statistics show that primary fences such as those built in San Diego beginning in 1990 caused a drop in illegal apprehensions by 74 percent, smugglers rerouted to Arizona where there were few barriers, and apprehensions there increased 591 percent. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff seeks to address the Arizona issue, announcing the Secure Border Initiative. But the initiative only begins with a virtual fence of 28 miles. Other varieties of fencing are to cover other parts of Arizona, but as it remains incomplete, illegal smuggling continues, pushing into the more remote regions shown by these hidden cameras.

But this is no different than in 2001, when a joint report to Congress by the Departments of Justice, Interior and Agriculture shortly after 9/11 states that “certain federal lands in southeast Arizona can no longer be used safely by the public or Federal employees due to the significance of smuggling undocumented aliens and controlled substances into the US” noting that “thousands of new trails and roads have been created on Federal lands by undocumented aliens” which destroys the sensitive desert environment. Those doing so also burglarize, destroy property, kidnap, leave tons of trash and high concentrations of human waste, vandalize and set wildfires. In the past three years alone, it is estimated that 8 million to 16 million tons of trash has been left behind.

### Deaths/Violence

**June 23, 2010:** The overtime cutback comes at a time that violence against the agents, according to Department of Homeland Security records, is up 31 percent this fiscal year.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2010/jun/23/reduced-overtime-stymies-border-patrol/> (10)

**June 14, 2010:** Some 23,000 people have died since 2006 as drug cartels vie for control in places such as Juárez and Tijuana along the U.S. border.

In 2009, the Department of Justice declared Mexican cartels to be the "greatest organized crime threat to the United States." Today, they have a presence in 230 U.S. cities (up from 50 in 2006), from Little Rock, Ark., to Anchorage, Alaska.

<http://www2.macleans.ca/2010/06/07/to-a-suburb-near-you/> (11)

**April 13, 2010:** A U.S. surveyor looking for stone monuments that mark the US-Mexico border near Nogales, Arizona has a rifle pulled on him by a drug runner. The surveyor pulls his 9 mm but holds fire. The drug runner walks away then hears voices and has six shots fired at him. He “hit the deck,” according to the incident report and returned seven shots.

**March 31, 2010:** Texas Gov. Rick Perry orders a multiagency task force to Fort Hancock, Texas, where Mexican residents of the town El Porvenir 860 yards south of the U.S border are being left notes to leave within hours or their children will be killed, even threatening to come across the border and murder children in school unless ransoms are paid up front. About 30 flee across the border, requesting political asylum in Fort Hancock, Texas. The town’s mayor and his son have already been murdered.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/03/31/texas-town-high-alert-mexican-town-border-braces-cartel-gun-battle/> (12)

**March 28-29, 2010:** A longtime Arizona rancher Robert Krentz is shot in the back on his own property about 25 miles northeast of Douglas, which sits on the border. The killer is thought to be an illegal on foot—perhaps a drug runner-- who got away despite his distance from the border.

**March 27, 2010:** The assistant police chief in Nogales, Sonora, and his bodyguard were killed in a barrage of gunfire from a Ford pickup truck opened fire with AK-47s about 3 miles south of the US border.

**March 13, 2010:** U.S. consular employee Lesley A. Enriquez, 35, who was four months pregnant, and her husband, Arthur H. Redelfs, 34, were gunned down as they were leaving the birthday party of a child of a U.S. Consulate employee. Their 7-month-old daughter is found wailing in the back of the vehicle.

**February 16, 2010:** Nogales, an Arizona border town, is ravaged by 98 murders in two months, more than 2006 and 2007 combined, apparently as a powerful drug cartel tries to seize the drug corridor through Nogales. As of February, Mexican Nogales is averaging more than one killing a day and nearly nine per week.

**February 2010:** Assaults against U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) agents increased 46 percent from 752 incidents in FY2006 to 1,097 incidents in FY2008. Contributing most to this increase were rocking assaults, which rose 77 percent from 435 incidents in FY2006 to 769 incidents in FY2008.

Mexican DTO members or associates acquire thousands of weapons each year in Arizona, California, and Texas and smuggle them across the border to Mexico. (National Drug Threat Assessment 2010)  
<http://www.justice.gov/ndic/pubs38/38661/> (5)

**January 2010:** A 17 year old US citizen from a well-known Tijuana family who attended Catholic high school in California is assassinated, shot six times with an assault rifle.  
<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,582345,00.html?test=latestnews> (13)

**Early 2010:** A classified report provided by the government to Senators estimated 22,743 people have died since President Felipe Calderon declared war on Mexico's drug cartels in December 2006, the press reported.

The most violent year of Calderon's presidency, according to the report, was 2009, when 8,928 people were killed. The classified report estimates the death toll so far this year at 2,904. More than 70,000 suspected drug traffickers, mainly from the Gulf, Sinaloa and Los Zetas cartels, have been arrested since Calderon took office. <http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=355373&CategoryId=14091> (14)

**December 2009:** In December, a California assistant school principal, Augustin Salcedo, was killed after he was abducted from a restaurant along with five other men while he and his wife were visiting her hometown of Gomez Palacio, in the northern state of Durango. The motive for the mass abduction remains unclear.

**August 2009:** The Tucson sector accounts for half of all bodies found along the U.S.-Mexico border, making it the deadliest stretch on the southwest border, calls in an additional 209 agents to the already 3,300. The total number of deaths and the rate of death are both up sharply.

**July 2009:** Former Border Patrol officers release a series of homicide reports from Mexico that show that drug cartel fighting has set a new homicide record in the country, with 53 deaths in a 24 hour period, including a police commander.

**May 2009:** Tania Lozoya, 15, of El Paso, Texas, is killed by a stray bullet at her aunt's house across the border in Ciudad Juarez in May 2009, after gunfire broke out when two men chased another man into her aunt's backyard.

**2007:** This report (Arizona's 2008-2011 State Strategy: Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control) has statistics on the number of drug seizures and arrests through 2007. Unfortunately, these numbers are not the most up-to-date.  
[http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/pubs/home/2008-2011DGVCrimeControlStrategy\\_Final\(4\).pdf](http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/pubs/home/2008-2011DGVCrimeControlStrategy_Final(4).pdf) (15)

### Drug Smuggling

**April 12, 2010:** A Homeland Security report leaks warning that Mexican drug smugglers are cloning Border Patrol vehicles to bypass law enforcement, some of whom were likely trained by US military. DHS warns that assaults against agents are up "16 percent compared to last year."  
<http://gvnews.com/articles/2010/04/13/news/69surveyor0414.txt> (16)

**April 6, 2010:** A global intelligence report estimates that narcotics profit margins in Mexico are about 80 percent, or a \$32 billion profit on an \$8 billion investment. The Mexican government has an interest in maintaining this high profit margin, to some degree, because the cartels do invest their profits in legitimate, money-making business.

**February 10, 2010:** Immigration agents are given a tip about an abandoned trailer at a warehouse in just north of the border in Nogales, Arizona. Upon obtaining a search warrant, they find 3,470 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$7.6 million.  
<http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1002/100210nogales.htm>

**February 2010:** Without a significant increase in drug interdiction, seizures, arrests, and investigations that apply sustained pressure on major DTOs, availability of most drugs will increase in 2010, primarily because drug production in Mexico is increasing. The most recent drug production estimates show sharp increases in heroin and marijuana production in Mexico and greatly reduced efforts to eradicate drug crops in that country.

Marijuana production increased in Mexico, resulting in increased flow of the drug across the Southwest Border, including through the Tohono O'odham Reservation in Arizona. Mexican DTOs have also expanded their marijuana cultivation operations into the United States, an ongoing trend for the past decade.

The amount of marijuana produced in Mexico has increased an estimated 59 percent overall since 2003. 13,500 metric tons estimated in 2003 to 21,500 metric tons estimated in 2008, all from Mexico.

Increased production for heroin in Mexico from 17 pure metric tons in 2007 to 38 pure metric tons in 2008, according to U.S. Government estimates.

From 2004 through 2008, heroin production estimates for Mexico increased 342 percent, from 8.6 metric tons pure to 38 metric tons pure.

Methamphetamine availability increased as the result of higher production in Mexico using alternative, less-efficient precursors.

As methamphetamine production declined in Mexico in 2007 and early 2008 as a result of precursor chemical restrictions, methamphetamine availability declined in the United States. By late 2008, however, Mexican DTOs had adapted their operating procedures in several ways including the smuggling of restricted chemicals via new routes, importing non-restricted chemical derivatives instead of precursor chemicals, and using alternative production methods.

A combination of factors, including increased law enforcement efforts in Mexico and the transit zones, decreased cocaine production in Colombia, high levels of cartel violence, and cocaine flow to non-U.S. markets likely contributed to decreased amounts being transported to the U.S.-Mexico border for subsequent smuggling into the United States.  
<http://www.justice.gov/ndic/pubs38/38661/> (5)

**June 2009:** A National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy is announced, with the goal of "substantially reduc(ing) the flow of illicit drugs, drug proceeds, and associated instruments of violence across the Southwest Border." The National Drug Intelligence Center estimates that Mexican and Colombian Drug Trafficking organizations generate, remove, and launder between \$18 and \$39 billion in proceeds per year.

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/news/docs/SWB%20Fact%20Sheet1.pdf> (17)

**May 20, 2009:** More than 60% of the illegal drugs in the United States enter the country through Arizona. It is estimated that 95% of the Mexican drug cartels' weapons come from the United States. There are more than 6,600 licensed gun dealers on the US-side of the border with Mexico.

<http://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release/mexican-drug-cartel-violence-spills-over-border-100729.php> (18)

**March 17, 2009:** The smuggling of marijuana, however, has increased in the past two years, according to the DEA, to meet an increased demand in the U.S. This is evidenced by the record seizures of the drug reported by the U.S. Border patrol in southern Arizona.

The Tucson Sector Border Patrol has seized more than 500,000 pounds of marijuana since Oct. 1, a 22% increase over the same period last year. Meanwhile, they have seized only 53.13 ounces of heroin, 65.25 pounds of cocaine and 6.39 pounds of meth.

"Since Monday we have had five cases of children age 17 and younger attempting to smuggle drugs into the U.S. from Mexico," said William Molaski, CBP El Paso port director. "On the other end of the spectrum, we had two people age 60 and over caught smuggling marijuana yesterday. This confirms that traffickers will employ any and all types of people in their drug smuggling attempts."

<http://alcoholism.about.com/b/2009/03/17/border-drug-seizures-hit-record-levels.htm> (19)

**Early 2009:** The U.S./Mexico border is the primary point of entry for cocaine shipments being smuggled into the United States. According to a recent interagency intelligence assessment, approximately 65 percent of the cocaine smuggled into the United States crosses the Southwest border.

[http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/state\\_factsheets.html](http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/state_factsheets.html) (9)

#### **2008 Federal Drug Seizures in Arizona**

**Cocaine:** 1,905.8 kgs. – thru Mexico

**Heroin:** 152.8 kgs. – thru Mexico

**Methamphetamine:** 263.4 kgs – thru Mexico and locally produced

**Marijuana:** 351,992.4 kgs. – thru Mexico

**Hashish:** 6.4 kgs

**MDMA:** 0.0 kgs/47 du

**Meth Lab Incidents:** 10 (DEA, state, and local)

[http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/state\\_factsheets/arizona.html](http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/state_factsheets/arizona.html) (9)

**October 16, 2007:** An estimated 90% of cocaine entering the United States transits Mexico.

<http://ftp.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34215.pdf> (20)

**September 2007:** U.S. federal law enforcement launches two major operations over the next year on Mexico-based cartels. In two years it will yield 600 arrests in the United States and Mexico, including leadership, the confiscation of 20 metric tons of cocaine and similarly caches of marijuana and methamphetamine, and the seizure of hundreds of firearms and \$76 million in cash.

## Alien Smuggling

**April 19, 2010:** An alien smuggler who held 31 illegal aliens hostage at a Tucson drop house, demanding ransoms in addition to fees already paid, is found guilty in federal court.

**April 15, 2010:** 800 federal agents and Arizona state police bust a massive human smuggling ring that goes to every major US city, using seeming legitimate shuttle van services catering to illegals from Mexico, Central America and China. The bust originates in Arizona, with 47 arrests in Phoenix, Tucson, and Nogales. ICE believes it will take a good deal of time for so sophisticated an operation to be put in place again.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/04/15/ice-busts-massive-human-smuggling-ring-stretches-length/?test=latestnews> (21)

**May 18, 2010:** The desert around the hamlet of Sasabe, a smuggling way-station of a few dozen houses, is a drug trafficking corridor used by the Sinaloa cartel. Migrants and Mexican officials say heavily armed drug traffickers have been demanding fees since at least 2007 to allow migrants to pass.

[http://www.salon.com/news/2010/05/18/lt\\_mexico\\_us\\_illegal\\_immigration](http://www.salon.com/news/2010/05/18/lt_mexico_us_illegal_immigration) (22)

**May 2010:** The Arizona Department of Corrections reports that about 15% of inmates are “criminal aliens.” A recent estimate from the Maricopa County Jail system — by far the state’s largest — is that about 19% of suspects are undocumented.

<http://morrisoninstitute.asu.edu/publications-reports/2010-illegal-immigration-perceptions-and-realities-1> (1)

**March 28-29, 2010:** Over the weekend of March 28, 29, three trucks carrying about 90 illegals unload about 45 miles south of Phoenix.

**March 12, 2010:** Fox News reports on San Diego University professors that have created a GPS cell phone application that helps illegal aliens avoid Border Patrol in the area while playing poetry. The app was created using government monies. *America Live with Megan Kelly*, FOX News, Washington D.C. 13 Mar 2009. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZExWCBR9cg> (23)

**November 2009:** Secretary Napolitano cites lower illegal immigration numbers, 600 miles of fencing, — much of it vehicular barriers and not pedestrian—and the hiring of nearly 20,000 Border Patrol sufficient security to seek “immigration reform.” She does not mention that there are still 400 miles of completely open, unobstructed border.

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**September 2009:** A federal government watchdog agency states that SBInet, the technology component of a CBP program known as SBI, which is to help secure the nation’s borders and reduce illegal immigration through physical infrastructure (e.g., fencing), surveillance systems, and command, control, communications, and intelligence technologies, is fully operational along 28 miles of Arizona’s border. For those 28 miles, the cost has been about a billion dollars. Meanwhile, in the prior year, three Arizona counties have picked up 250,000 illegal aliens.

## Money



**April 25, 2010:** From a local AZ newspaper: the price of methamphetamines is increasing in Mexico and in Arizona, Anthony Coulson of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency said. For example, Arizona meth prices ranged from \$8,000 to \$12,600 a pound in 2007. In 2009, the price was \$14,000 a pound.

In Mexico, the wholesale price of meth ranged from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a pound in 2006. This year, that same pound of meth costs between \$14,000 and \$14,500, Coulson said.

<http://www.eacourier.com/articles/2010/04/25/news/doc4bd23aa6e6feb251879518.txt> (2)

**February 2010:** Mexican DTOs smuggled bulk cash drug proceeds totaling tens of billions of dollars from the U.S. through the Southwest Border and into Mexico. Much of the bulk cash (millions each week) was consolidated by the DTOs in several key areas, including Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, and North Carolina, where it was prepared for transport to the U.S.-Mexico border and then smuggled into Mexico.

<http://www.justice.gov/ndic/pubs38/38661/> (5)

**July 9, 2009:** Mexican and Colombian DTOs generate, remove and launder between \$18 billion and \$39 billion in wholesale drug proceeds in the United States annually...a large portion of which is believed to be smuggled in bulk across the border back into Mexico.

<http://www.justice.gov/dea/pubs/cngrtest/ct070909.pdf> (25)

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