

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (CBP)

Weekly Action Report

March 15, 2010 Update

I. Efficiency and Transparency

Nothing significant to report

II. Press Events

- **3/08:** The Arizona Star published a story March 7, 2010, about the increase in undeclared currency seizures during outbound inspections. Non-responsive to the request

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- **3/09:** The Toronto Star published a story March 9, 2010, about land border processes and document requirements to enter the United States from Canada. Non-responsive to the request

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- **3/08:** Pajamas Media ran an online piece on the seizure of 30 replica M-4 automatic rifles in Tacoma, WA. Non-responsive to the request

[REDACTED]

- **3/08:** CBP Boston Field Office, Derby Line, Vermont, forwarded a news release to all media outlets in reference to CBP officers arresting a 22-year-old Vermont man who had outstanding warrants in both Vermont and Connecticut. Non-responsive to the request

[REDACTED]

- **3/09:** KFOX Television, KRQE, Las Cruces News and the El Paso Times aired stories regarding the apprehension of a foreign national with an extensive criminal history and the confiscation of narcotics, including the seizure of more than one half ton of marijuana in five separate incidents, most occurring near Lordsburg, New Mexico, by CBP Border Patrol agents from the Lordsburg Station, New Mexico, area of responsibility. Non-responsive to the request

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Non-responsive to the request

- **3/09:** The Watertown Daily Times (New York) moved a story featuring CBP Swanton Sector (Vermont), involving a case of an illegal foreign national who was turned over to Border Patrol Agents by the New York State Police. Non-responsive to the request
- **3/09:** A New York weekly newspaper, "The North Countryman," ran an article regarding the Swanton Sector Lake Champlain boat operations and how the CBP Swanton Sector Border Patrol Agents work with other law enforcement agencies on the lake. Non-responsive to the request
- **3/09:** A news release and accompanying images were distributed to media in San Diego and Los Angeles regarding the March 6 seizure by San Diego-based CBP Marine Interdiction Agents of over 2,400 pounds of marijuana and the arrest of four Mexican nationals who scuttled a Mexican panga vessel on Santa Rosa Island off the coast of Los Angeles in a failed narcotics smuggling attempt. Non-responsive to the request
- **3/10:** The Congressional Quarterly moved an on-line story following a report released by the OIG on the need for CBP to involve more small businesses in contracts with Boeing on SBInet. Non-responsive to the request
- **3/10:** CBP El Paso Sector Communications Division Director Douglas T. Mosier conducted an interview with reporter Francisco Trujillo of Notimex International News regarding the start of the new repatriation program, which began on March 10. The interview focused on CBP El Paso Sector's role implementing the new program, which provides Mexican Nationals, under voluntary release, to now be transported from El Paso to Presidio, as a result to the increase in violence in Juarez. Other outlets are covering the story. Non-responsive to the request
<http://www.oaoa.com/news/-44210--.html>
- **3/10:** In a ceremony at the National Geographic Society, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection returned an ancient sarcophagus to the Arab Republic of Egypt and its Embassy. Non-responsive to the request
- **3/10-3/11:** CNN visited CBP UAS Operations Center in Sierra Vista, Arizona to prepare a story about the success of the UAS in providing support to CBP Border Patrol Agents on the ground in the Southwest Border. Non-responsive to the request

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- **3/11:** The Odessa American, the Big Bend Sentinel and the Presidio International all ran a story about the modified repatriation program between the El Paso and Marfa CBP Border Patrol Sectors. The story also ran on KOSA-CBS in Midland-Odessa, Texas. The program is intended to move Mexican citizens who have selected a voluntary return away from the continuing violence in Juarez, Mexico. [REDACTED]
http://www.bigbendsentinel.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3649&Itemid=1
- **3/11:** CBP Assistant Commissioner for Internal Affairs, Mr. Jim Tomsheck testified before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration. Non-responsive to the request
[REDACTED]
- **3/11:** CBP Swanton Sector (Vermont) interviewed with WCAX-TV Channel 3(CBS), Burlington, Vermont, in reference to Operation Stonegarden. Non-responsive to the request
- **3/12:** CBP Boston Field Office, Calais, Maine Port of Entry will be working with Bellefeuille Production, Canada in conjunction with CBSC in Moncton, NB, Canada on some B-roll of a truck passing through the "Welcome to the U.S." Non-responsive to the request
[REDACTED]
- **3/15:** CBP Office of International Trade announced in a news release the issuance of a pre-penalty notice in the amount of \$100 million to an importer who alleged to falsely identify his shipments of catfish fillets as grouper fish. Non-responsive to the request
- **3/15** PAO Buffalo Sector HQ was guest on live radio call-in talk show DIALOG on AM1340 WLVL, Lockport, NY (Niagara County). Non-responsive to the request
[REDACTED]
- **3/15:** A news release was distributed to media in San Diego and Los Angeles regarding a March 15 apprehension of 13 illegal immigrants by San Diego-based CBP Marine Interdiction Agents off the coast of Encinitas, California. Non-responsive to the request
[REDACTED]
- **3/16:** CNBC Investigates filmed a documentary on counterfeit goods at the Port of New York/Newark. Non-responsive to the request
[REDACTED]
- **3/16:** CBP Houlton Border Patrol Sector, Houlton, Maine, conducted a telephonic interview with Bangor Metro Magazine, Bangor, Maine. Non-responsive to the request
[REDACTED]
- **3/28-4/02:** A Congressional Staffer Academy will be held by the CBP Rio Grande Valley Office of Border Patrol and Office of Field Operations and consist of two separate groups and include among others, 15 Washington, D.C. Congressional staffers representing the Homeland Security Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Non-responsive to the request
[REDACTED]

ROYBAL-ALLARD:

Okay. This is both for Chief Fisher and Commissioner McAleenan, is that correct? Okay. Secretary Aderholt kind of had stated that the enforcement directive outlined a memo by ICE's Director Morten, our well-recent priorities that are to govern how DHF uses its immigration resources.

However, it's my understanding that CBP has not yet issued instructions to its personnel on adopting the Morten memo. And can you explain why that is and when you intend to do that?

FISHER:

Sir, may I go first if that's OK, Mr. McAleenan?

I can tell you that since Director Morton issued his prosecutorial discretion memo as early as November last year, I did issue some further guidance to the field leadership in terms of what that meant specifically within Border Patrol operations.

And I will tell you the way that we operate very, very succinctly is when we make apprehensions anywhere along the border, we first have the requirement to be able to identify and classify these individuals.

It is different than people walking up to a legitimate port of entry, be it the land border or the airport, providing documentations requesting admittance into United States.

The vast majority of individuals at Border Patrol agents encounter don't have any forms of identification. So we have no idea generally in the field on who these individuals are, what their backgrounds are or the extent to which they may pose a threat this country.

Subsequent to the arrest when we take these individuals back into generally a Border Patrol station, we will run systems check using biometrics. We will gather biographical information to be able to ascertain the level of threat individuals pose to really line up what final disposition that we're going to offer.

And then generally, those case under the protection of the laws and under protection of due process, generally the individuals have the ability to either determine -- and this is very simplistic, by the way -- to determine whether they want to, in contiguous countries, return to their country of origin voluntarily, the voluntary return or if, in fact, they, at their request, want to see an immigration judge.

And then in all cases, we work this along with ICE if, in fact, there's going to be a detention disposition depending upon which course of action they require. We continue to do that today and that was referenced in my direction to the field as early as November.

ROYBAL-ALLARD:

If you want to add to that or...

MCALEENAN:

Just very briefly. From our perspective at the ports of entry on the discretion piece, we don't have as much discretion under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

We don't have the authority to admit an inadmissible person and it's a very rare circumstance where we encounter individuals in the interior as part of our operations. So it's a little bit different. I agree with everything Chief Fisher said.

**Customs and Border Protection
Field Operations
Program Analysis and Measures
February 26, 2010
National Summary Monthly Report**

Purpose: Summary of National Monthly Report - A Year to Month Comparison of Fiscal Year 2009 to Fiscal Year 2010, and a January 2009 to January 2010 comparison.

Bottom Line Up Front:

- As the economic crisis wanes, there is a moderation of the decreases, we have previously seen in monthly and fiscal year to month year comparisons, and in some cases there have been moderate increases of passenger volume, conveyances, and container volume.
- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]
- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]
- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

Executive Summaries:

PASSENGERS:

- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

CONVEYANCES:

- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

CURRENCY SEIZURES:

- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

WEAPONS SEIZURES:

- Outbound –
 - Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

- Inbound –

- Non-responsive to the request

[Redacted]

DRUG SEIZURES:

- Non-responsive to the request

[Redacted]

ELECTRONIC MEDIA:

- Non-responsive to the request

[Redacted]

ENFORCEMENT:

- Non-responsive to the request

[Redacted]

- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

INADMISSIBLE:

- From October 2009 – January 2010, inadmissible aliens increased by 7% when compared with the same period a year earlier. This increase is primarily due to the increases in Withdrawals, Voluntary Returns and NTAs.
- All categories of inadmissible aliens, aside from Expedited Removals and Deferred Inspections, increased from in a fiscal year to month comparison (Oct09 – Jan10) compared to a year earlier.
- Deferred Inspections for January 2010 decreased -4% compared with January 2009, but this metric varies considerably by field office.
- (b) (7)(E) [REDACTED]

FIELD STATISTICS:

- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

SPECIAL INTEREST AREAS:

- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

TRADE:

- Non-responsive to the request [REDACTED]

