



COCHISE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Trends in Criminal Division

Border Crimes Statistics	Total
2022 Endangerment and Felony Flight	261
2022 Participation in Smuggling	111
January 1 st to April 13 th 2023	
2023 Endangerment and Felony Flight	104
2023 Participation in Smuggling	100

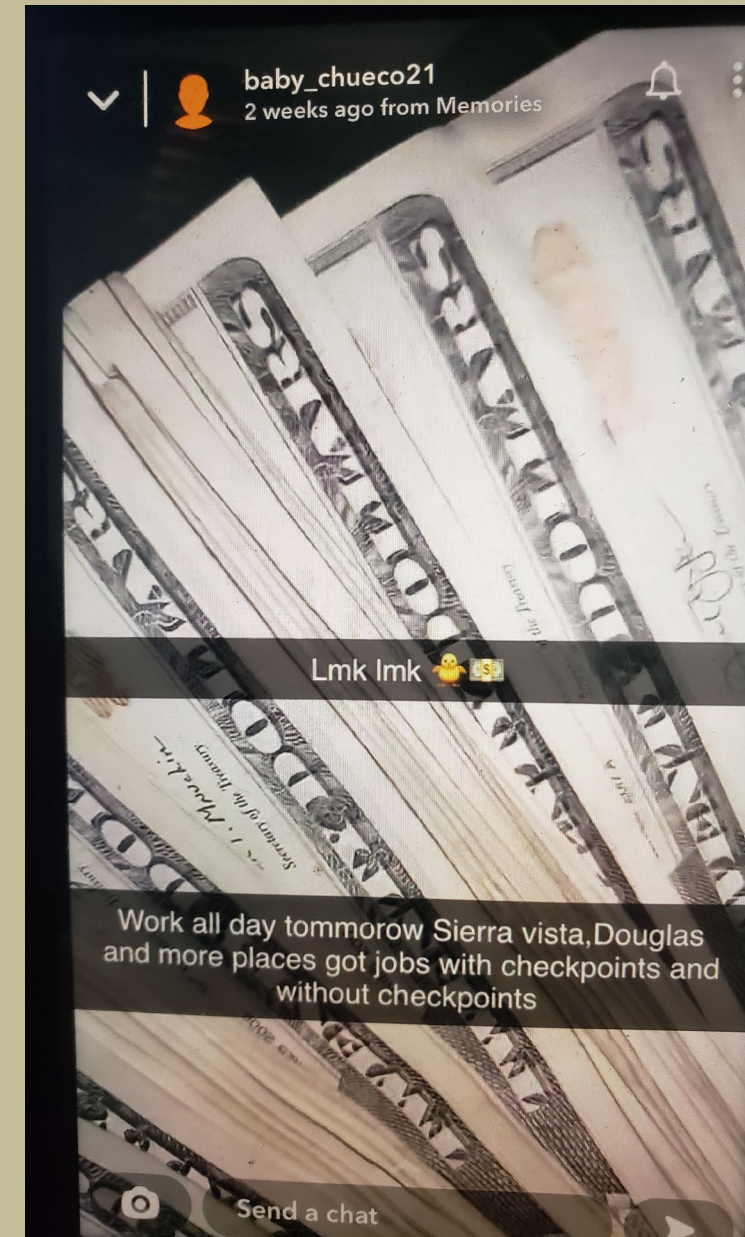
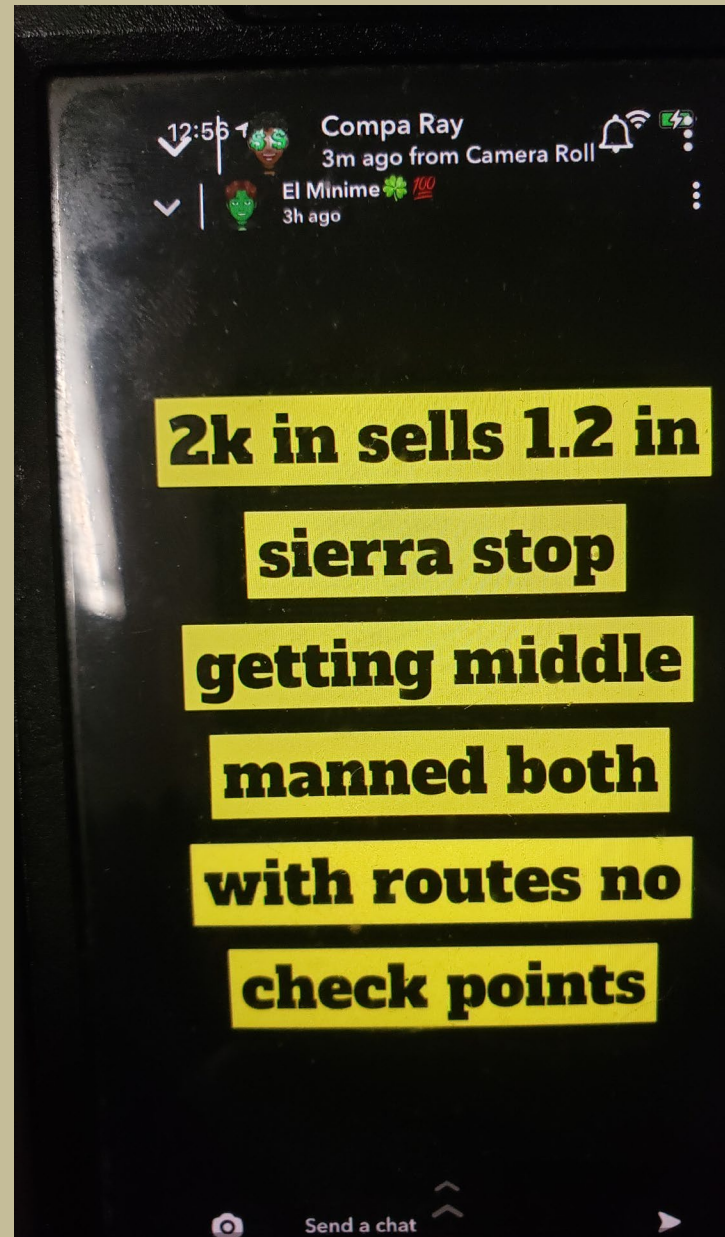
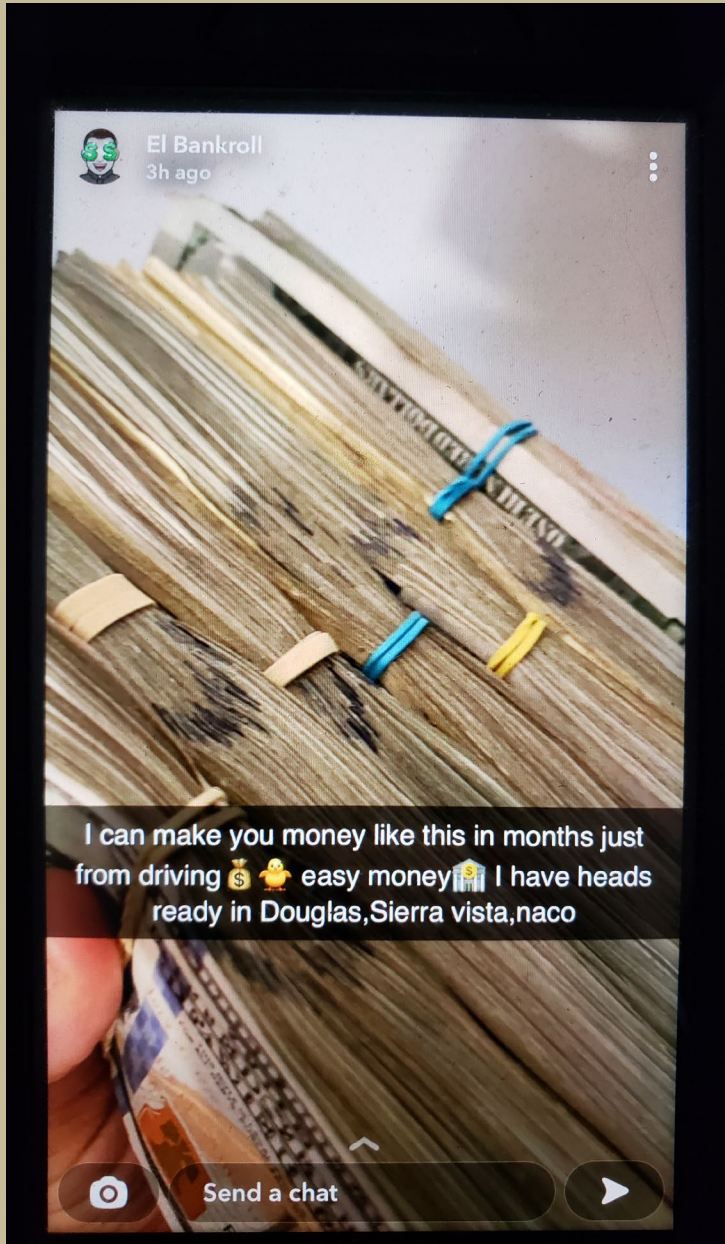
Endangerment
and Felony Flight
VS.
Participation in
Smuggling

September 24, 2022
A.R.S. §13-2323
was enacted

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)

- 3-year Grant for prosecution of Border Crimes Cases
- \$760,000 total
- 10 current prosecutors divide the case load and track hours for slight increase in salary for the next 3 years
- Within the 1st two months the attorney's logged 246 hours in addition to their regular case load
- 2 additional support staff were also hired

Social Media Recruiting





**BORDER CRIME RELATED
HOMICIDE CASES**

9 FTY
Fatalities
within 2 years
1st Degree
Felony Murder

- William Brown – killed 2 UDA's at the Bisbee Traffic circle at 85MPH during FTY
- Felix Mendez – 16yo killed 65yo woman on her birthday Mendez driving 100+MPH during FTY
- Roberto Medina – 1 UDA killed in car accident on I-10 during FTY
- Elanah Tucker – killed passenger while smuggling UDAs in a car accident at Benson exit doing 90+ MPH during FTY
- Erick Diliz – killed 3 UDAs on I-10 in a roll over accident doing 100MPH during FTY
- Jairo Castro Guzman – killed 1 UDA during 100+MPH FTY on I-10

Homicide Cases	Complaints filed	# of Deceased Victims
2021	11 (16 including attempt)	14 (20 including attempt)
2022	7 (17 including attempt)	7 (18 including attempt)
2023	2 (5 including attempt)	4 (7 including attempt)
TOTAL	20 (38 including attempt)	25 (45 including attempt)

TOTAL HOMICIDE CASES

Includes attempted

In homicide cases all direct or 1st degree relatives are entitled to victim services.

Which includes notice, right to be heard, right to input, and advocacy services.

County Attorney's Office Case Distribution

■ 2022

- *Felony: 1418 (Filed by CCAO)*
- *Misdemeanor: 3449 (Filed by law enforcement)*

■ 2023 (January 1st to April 13th 2023)

- *Felony: 512*
- *Misdemeanor: 1165*

In 2014 - 614 felony cases were filed.

In 2015 - 852 felony cases were filed.

Police Department	Total Cases
Arizona Department of Corrections	6
Arizona Department of Public Safety	153
Arizona Department of Transportation	10
Arizona Game & Fish Department	1
Arizona Office of Inspector General	1
AZ DPS - GIITEM	1
Benson Police Department	55
Bisbee Police Department	43
Cochise County Sheriff's Department	432
Douglas Police Department	147
Drug Enforcement Administration	2
FBI	1
Homeland Security Investigations	28
Huachuca City Police Department	8
Juvenile Probation Office - Sierra Vista	1
Office of Inspector General - USPS Internal Affairs	1
Other	3
Pima County Sheriff Department	1
Registrar of Contractors	2
Sierra Vista Police Department	457
Tombstone Marshal's Office	30
Tucson Police Department	1
United States Border Patrol	1
Unknown	38
Willcox Police Department	53
Total:	1476

CAO Felony Cases Charged

Fentanyl

- ~2020 Fentanyl took over as primary narcotic drug
- Drug Prosecution Unit noted a transition from trafficking of Marijuana to Fentanyl
 - *almost always disguised as Oxycodone (counterfeit Oxycodone M30)*
- In 2022, CAO prosecuted 356 narcotic drugs cases the majority of which involved Fentanyl

02/06/2023

15,000 pills = ~\$375,000 (east coast)



Cochise County Attorney's Office

- 6 full time Felony Prosecutors
- Over 1400 Felony cases charged in 2022
- Separate from Border Crimes Cases our office continues to handle:
 - *Horrific child sex abuse cases*
 - *Multiple homicides (including 3 executions)*
 - *Burglary, vehicle theft, fraud, DUI, Domestic Violence, etc. etc. etc.*

**THE BORDER IS NOT OUR ONLY
PROBLEM, IT IS JUST THE ONE THAT
GETS NOTICED.**





THANK YOU