

Subject: Public Information :: P015615-121724

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 3:41:13 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: Texas DPS Records

To: AO Records

EXTERNAL SENDER

--- Please respond above this line ---

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of December 17, 2024., Reference # P015615-121724.

Dear Multiple Users,

The Texas Department of Public Safety received a public information request from you on December 17, 2024. Your request mentioned:

"All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) and text messages (including complete text message threads or conversations) or messages on messaging platforms (such as Signal, Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, X (formerly Twitter) direct messages, Facebook messages, WhatsApp, Telegram, or Parler) between (a) any of the Texas Department of Public Safety officials listed below and (b) any of the external entities and individuals listed below (or anyone communicating on their behalf, including, but not limited to, anyone communicating from an email address ending in the listed domains).

Texas Department of Public Safety Officials:

- i. Steven McCraw, Director**
- ii. Freeman Martin, Deputy Director**

External Entities and Individuals:

- a. Kristi Noem**
- b. Darin Seeley**
- c. South Dakota Governor's Office (state.sd.us)**
- d. Thomas "Tom" Homan**
- e. Border 911 (border911.com)"**

Please log into the system to retrieve the responsive records. DPS has located other records responsive to your request; however, we believe these records may be excepted from required public disclosure at this time. DPS is seeking a ruling from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) with respect to disclosure of these records, and a copy of our request letter is attached. You will be notified directly by the OAG when a ruling is issued.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please submit your response through this portal.

Sincerely,

Brian Riemenschneider
Assistant General Counsel

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01/08/2025

Via E-file

Attorney General of Texas
Open Records Division
209 West 14th Street, 6th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Public Information Request for all email communications sent or received by two Department executives that contain certain key words provided by the requester (DPS PIR # P015615-121724)

DATE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED:

12/17/2024

DATE REQUEST FOR RULING SUBMITTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL:

01/08/2025

Dear Open Records Division:

The Department of Public Safety received the above-referenced request for information from Emma Lewis on December 17, 2024. The Department has provided some responsive information to both parts of the request. However, we believe a particular piece of information is excepted from required public disclosure pursuant to Government Code sections 552.101 and 552.107. Accordingly, we are requesting a ruling regarding the release of these records.

The Executive Director of the Department designated December 23, 2024, as a non-business day in accordance with Section 552.0031(f) of the Government Code. The Department was closed on December 24 through December 26, 2024, for national and state holidays. Additionally, the Executive Director of the Department designated December 31, 2024, as a non-business day in accordance with Section 552.0031(f) of the Government Code, and the Department was closed for a national holiday on January 1, 2025. Per section 552.2325(b) of the Government Code, the Department suffered an agency wide computer network incident affecting email and computer systems that made the Department unable to comply with the requirements of the Act on December 30, 2024. The Department submitted notice of this incident in accordance with sections 552.2325(c) and 552.2325(e) of the Government Code, Therefore, we believe this request for a ruling on disclosure is timely made in accordance with section 552.301 of the Government Code.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code states that “[i]nformation is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it is information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision.” Rule 503(b)(1) of the Texas Rules of Evidence provides as follows:

A client has a privilege to refuse to disclose and to prevent any other person from disclosing confidential communications made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional legal services to the client:

- (A) between the client or a representative of the client and the client's lawyer or a representative of the lawyer;
- (B) between the lawyer and the lawyer's representative;
- (C) by the client or a representative of the client, or the client's lawyer or a representative of the lawyer, to a lawyer or a representative of a lawyer representing another party in a pending action and concerning a matter of common interest therein;
- (D) between representatives of the client or between the client and a representative of the client; or
- (E) among lawyers and their representatives representing the same client.

Tex. R. Evid. 503(b)(1). A communication is "confidential" if not intended to be disclosed to third persons other than those to whom disclosure is made in furtherance of the rendition of professional legal services to the client or those reasonably necessary for the transmission of the communication. *Id.* 503(a)(5). Thus, to withhold attorney-client privileged information from disclosure under rule 503, a governmental body must:

- (1) show that the document is a communication transmitted between privileged parties or reveals a confidential communication;
- (2) identify the parties involved in the communication; and
- (3) show that the communication is confidential by explaining that it was not intended to be disclosed to third persons and that it was made in furtherance of the rendition of professional legal services to the client.

Upon a demonstration of all three factors, the information is privileged and confidential under rule 503, provided the client has not waived the privilege or the document does not fall within the purview of the exceptions to the privilege enumerated in rule 503(d). *See Pittsburgh Corning Corp. v. Caldwell*, 861 S.W.2d 423, 427 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 1993, no writ).

Information coming within the attorney-client privilege is also protected by section 552.107(1) of the Government Code. In Attorney General Decision ORD No. 676, your office held that a governmental entity asserting attorney-client privilege has the burden of demonstrating the elements of the privilege. First, the governmental body must demonstrate that the information constitutes or documents a communication. *Id.* at 7. Second, the communication must have been made "for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional legal services" to the client governmental body. Tex. R. Evid. 503(b)(1). Third, the privilege applies only to communications between or among clients, client representatives, lawyers, and lawyer representatives. Tex. R. Evid. 503(b)(1)(A)-(E). Finally, the attorney-client privilege applies only to a confidential communication. *Id.* 503(b)(1).

The submitted records, marked accordingly, constitute communications between attorneys for the Department and employees of the Department. The communications were made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional legal services to the Department, and all of the marked entries were discussed and communicated between the attorneys and their clients. The communications were not intended to be disclosed, nor have they been disclosed, to third parties. Accordingly, the marked portions of the submitted records must be withheld under Rule 503 of the Texas Rules of Evidence and section 552.107 of the Government Code.

Please find enclosed the request from Emma Lewis, the notice of our request for a ruling sent to the requestor, and a copy of the record we wish to except from required disclosure. Please feel free to contact me at (512) 424-2890 if you have any questions.

Cordially,



Brian Riemenschneider
Assistant General Counsel

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01/08/2025

Via Email

Emma Lewis
records@americanoversight.org

RE: Public Information Request for all email communications sent or received by two Department executives that contain certain key words provided by the requester (DPS PIR # P015615-121724)

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Department of Public Safety received your above-referenced request for information on December 17, 2024. Please find enclosed the information located in response to your request. Regarding any potential texts between individuals with Border911.com, the Department was unable to locate anything without specific names or numbers associated with that group.

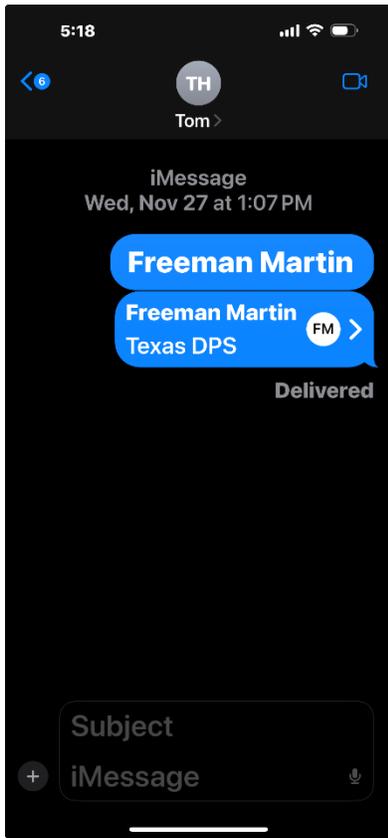
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If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Media and Communications Office at media@dps.texas.gov. Thank you.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Riemenschneider".

Brian Riemenschneider
Assistant General Counsel



From: Hauck, Amy
Sent: Fri, 6 Dec 2024 18:45:14 +0000
To: Martin, Freeman
Subject: FW: CBP Daily News Briefs : Friday, December 6, 2024

Thanks,
Amy
512-462-6112
512-221-4112

From: Meiners, Stephen <Stephen.Meiners@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 8:14 AM
To: Hauck, Amy <Amy.Hauck@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: CBP Daily News Briefs : Friday, December 6, 2024

FYI

From: Tripp, Brian <Brian.Tripp@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 7:57 AM
To: Meiners, Stephen <Stephen.Meiners@dps.texas.gov>; Janner, Megan <Megan.Janner@dps.texas.gov>; Wall, Colin <Colin.Wall@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: CBP Daily News Briefs : Friday, December 6, 2024

FSA

From: BLEA, DAVID J <DAVID.J.BLEA@CBP.DHS.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 7:41 AM
To: Sanchez, Jose <Jose.Sanchez@dps.texas.gov>; Zuniga, Victor <Victor.Zuniga@dps.texas.gov>; Brazil, Brian (Travis) <Brian.Brazil@dps.texas.gov>; DelaGarza, Arturo <Arturo.DelaGarza@dps.texas.gov>; Gonzalez, Rafael <Rafael.Gonzalez@dps.texas.gov>; Mankin, Reuben <Reuben.Mankin@dps.texas.gov>; Chavez-Romero, German <German.Chavez-Romero@dps.texas.gov>; Dennett, Joe <Joe.Dennett@dps.texas.gov>; Sosa, Armando <Armando.Sosa@dps.texas.gov>; Wilson, Eric <Eric.Wilson@dps.texas.gov>; Gietz, Teri <Teri.Gietz@dps.texas.gov>; Saenz, Melba <Melba.Saenz@dps.texas.gov>; Betancourt, Joel <Joel.Betancourt@dps.texas.gov>; Skero, Austin L <Austin.Skero@dps.texas.gov>; Boatright, Robert L <Robert.Boatright@dps.texas.gov>; Miller, Arthur J <Arthur.Miller@dps.texas.gov>; Carter, Don <Don.Carter@dps.texas.gov>; Villarreal, Jose <Jose.Villarreal@dps.texas.gov>; Lodge-Hendley, Karin <Karin.Lodge-Hendley@dps.texas.gov>; Tripp, Brian <Brian.Tripp@dps.texas.gov>; Gatica, Alexander <Alexander.Gatica@dps.texas.gov>; Bailey, Justin <Justin.Bailey@dps.texas.gov>; Crick, Paula <Paula.Crick@dps.texas.gov>; Grotrian, John <John.Grotrian@dps.texas.gov>; Jones, Eric M <Eric.Jones@dps.texas.gov>; Crenwelge, Cohen <Cohen.Crenwelge@dps.texas.gov>; DELUNA, OLGA A <OLGA.A.DELUNA@CBP.DHS.GOV>; Hunker, James <James.Hunker@dps.texas.gov>; DINAPOLI, EDWARD P. <edward.p.dinapoli@cbp.dhs.gov>; Valentin, Roberto <Roberto.Valentin2@ice.dhs.gov>; Sollano, Kenneth T MAJ USARMY NG NG J3-4-7

(USA) <kenneth.t.sollano.mil@army.mil>

Subject: CBP Daily News Briefs : Friday, December 6, 2024

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Sending for visibility.

- President-elect Donald Trump has appointed Rodney Scott, former chief of the U.S. Border Patrol, to lead Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as the CBP Commissioner, the agency responsible for managing U.S. ports of entry and overseeing border security. Scott, who served under both Trump and President Biden, played a key role in implementing policies like the Migrant Protection Protocols and Title 42. Trump also named Caleb Vitello as acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), recognizing his 23 years of service, including his role in enforcement operations. Both Scott and Vitello will work alongside key figures like South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, who is nominated to lead the Department of Homeland Security, as well as Stephen Miller and Tom Homan, two prominent architects of Trump's previous immigration policies. ([The Hill](#), [NPR](#) and [Milenio](#))
- The incoming Trump administration is preparing a plan to deport migrants whose home countries refuse to accept them, potentially sending them to third-party nations like Turks and Caicos, the Bahamas, Panama, and Grenada. The strategy aims to circumvent the issue of countries like Venezuela and Cuba, which are reluctant to take back deported migrants, and would further Trump's goal of executing the "largest deportation operation" in U.S. history. The administration is also seeking Mexico's cooperation to accept non-Mexican migrants, using tariff threats to pressure compliance. This plan could lead to large-scale deportations, with many migrants being sent to countries where they have no connections, and the legal status in those nations remains unclear. ([NBC News](#))
- Three Army soldiers from Fort Cavazos, Texas, were arrested for allegedly smuggling undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Guatemala. Emilio Mendoza Lopez, Angel Palma, and Enrique Jauregui face charges including bringing in and harboring aliens, with Palma and Jauregui also charged with assaulting a federal agent. They were apprehended after fleeing from a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent in Presidio. [The Hill](#)

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From: Yanez, Sophie (Director's Office)
Sent: Wed, 17 Apr 2024 21:00:21 +0000
To: Martin, Freeman; Goodson, Walt; McCraw, Steven
Cc: Martinez, Tracy
Subject: FW: DPS Memorial Service

FYI, I had received a text from Chairman Mach last night requesting to send invitations to our memorial service to TRAF. Below is their response.

Sophie Yanez
Assistant to the Director
Texas Department of Public Safety
Office (512) 424-7771 Cell (512) 563-3912
sophie.yanez@dps.texas.gov



From: Lacy Finley <lacy.finley@traf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 3:28 PM
To: Yanez, Sophie (Director's Office) <Sophie.Yanez@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: DPS Memorial Service

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Hi Sophie!

I have already compiled a list of RSVPs for the event. All of the following are confirmed.

Constance White & Lester Niblok
Steve LaMantia and guest
Carl Lambert
Russell Molina & Lori Collie
David Gaither
Rick Hernandez
Ray Naizer
Dr. Jody Ginn
Karen & Donnie York
Dr. J Marvin Smith III and Mrs. Smith
Tommy Schleier
Josie Jennings (Widow of Stan Guffey)

Chief (Ret.) Tony Leal & Coco Leal (He is probably already on your list since he was Chief)
Klip & Vona Morefield
Mike Ethridge
Judge Ken Wise
Reggie & Kristi Franklin
Ashley Guest with Claire & Taylor Guest

We will have our videographer and photographer onsite as well in a working capacity. Fabian Avina (video) and Daniel Rodriguez (photos)

And, of course, I will be there. If you want to send me an electronic version of the invite, I will make sure the above guests get the information.

Thank you, and please let me know how I can assist.
Lacy



Lacy Finley
Executive Director
Texas Ranger Association Foundation
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Waco, TX 76706
www.TRAF.org
www.TexasRanger2023.org

From: Yanez, Sophie (Director's Office) <Sophie.Yanez@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 2:56 PM
To: Lacy Finley <lacy.finley@traf.org>
Subject: DPS Memorial Service

Good afternoon Lacy,

We wanted to extend an invitation to the Texas Ranger Association Foundation to our upcoming DPS Memorial Service on May 16th at 10:00 a.m. It will take place near the new Fallen Officer Memorial at DPS in front of Building A. Could you provide me with a list of names/addresses of TRAF members so we can invite them to this memorable event?

Many thanks,

Sophie Yanez

Assistant to the Director

Texas Department of Public Safety

Office (512) 424-7771 Cell (512) 563-3912

sophie.yanez@dps.texas.gov



From: McCraw, Steven
Sent: Thu, 24 Oct 2024 14:18:48 +0000
To: Martin, Freeman; Taylor, Jason; Goodson, Walt; Sanchez, Jose; DelaGarza, Arturo
Subject: Fwd: Bensman in NY Post: Hundreds of thousands of migrants held in southern Mexico until US Election Day eager to rush border

FYI.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Todd Bensman <news@toddbensman.com>

Date: October 24, 2024 at 9:45:28 AM EDT

Subject: Bensman in NY Post: Hundreds of thousands of migrants held in southern Mexico until US Election Day eager to rush border

Hundreds of thousands of migrants
being held in southern Mexico until US
Election Day eager to rush border

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By Todd Bensman [as published October 23, 2024](#) by *The New York Post*

TAPACHULA, Mexico — This town near the border of Guatemala [holds a migrant time bomb](#) ready to go off just after the US presidential election.

The fuse was lit in December 2023, when the [Joe Biden-](#)

[Kamala Harris administration sent senior lieutenants to Mexico](#) to work out the details of what remains a highly mysterious grand diplomatic bargain.

Worried about what the optics of the southern border would do to their re-election chances — though not the migrant crisis itself — the White House wanted to stop the pictures of crowds of people gathered at the wall.

The deal was to have Mexico deploy 32,500 troops to the US border to round up untold thousands of intending border crossers from the northern precincts and force-ship them — “internal deportation” by planes and buses — thousands of miles to Mexico’s southern provinces and entrap them in cities like Tapachula in Chiapas state behind militarized roadblocks.

Mexico closed off most of its freight trains to migrant free riders, bulldozed northern camps, and patrolled relentlessly for more deportee targets.

Meanwhile, the administration increased “parole” programs that flew migrants directly from countries like Venezuela, thus avoiding the border entirely.

The effect was immediate. Illegal border crossings plummeted from an embarrassing, record-breaking 12,000 to 14,000 per day in November and December 2023 to about 3,000 or 4,000 per day before January was even over.

But the crisis isn’t over.

The just-released 2025 Homeland Threat Assessment from the Department of Homeland Security says the decrease in illegal border crossing is largely due to “increased Mexican enforcement efforts.”

What happens if that enforcement stops?

Tapachula is bursting at the seams.

No one really knows how many people are stacked up, but local shelter managers reported to me that they had filled up long ago.

The publisher of Noticia De Tapachula, the daily newspaper, told me 150,000 immigrants were in town at any given time, a 42% increase in the city’s normal population of 350,000. Untold thousands more are stacked up in Villahermosa, a city of 830,000.

Mexico’s response has been to try to spread the immigrants around the southern portion of the country.

I spent time at two different roadside areas where federal immigration officers would call out names from the crowd, who would board buses that delivered them to other regional cities in Chiapas — but NOT beyond them and certainly never beyond Mexico City.

Mexico is still trying to hold up its end of the bargain, at least until November 5, even though more migrants are starting to slip through and making it over the Texas or California borders.

The question is what happens after the American election.

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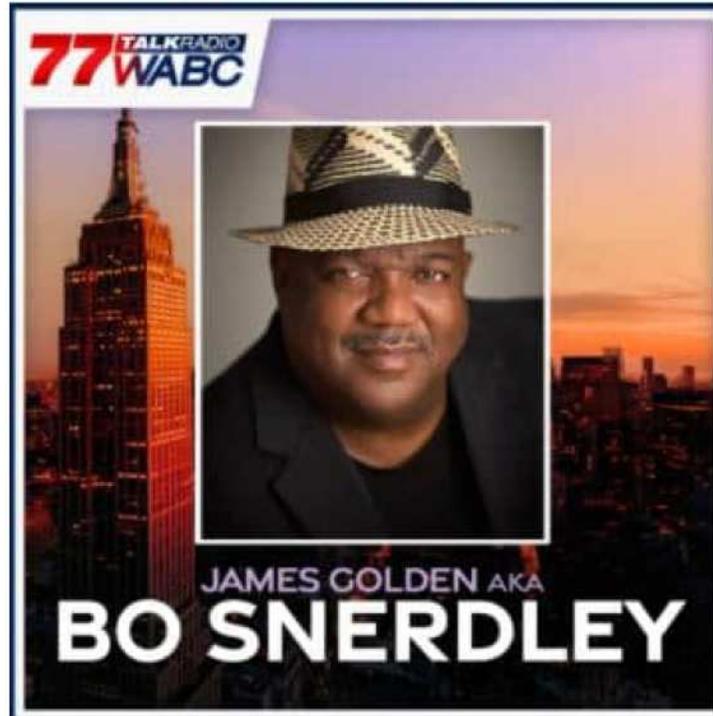


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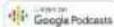


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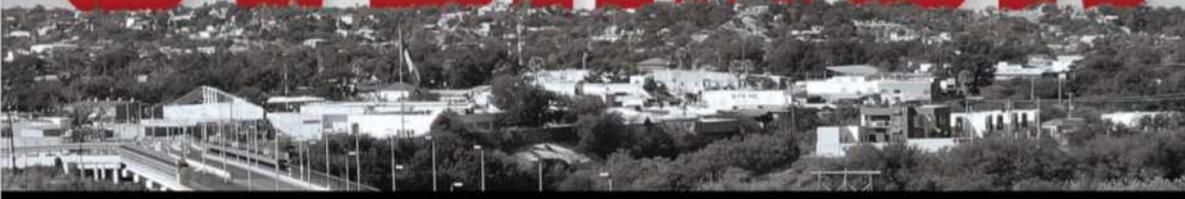
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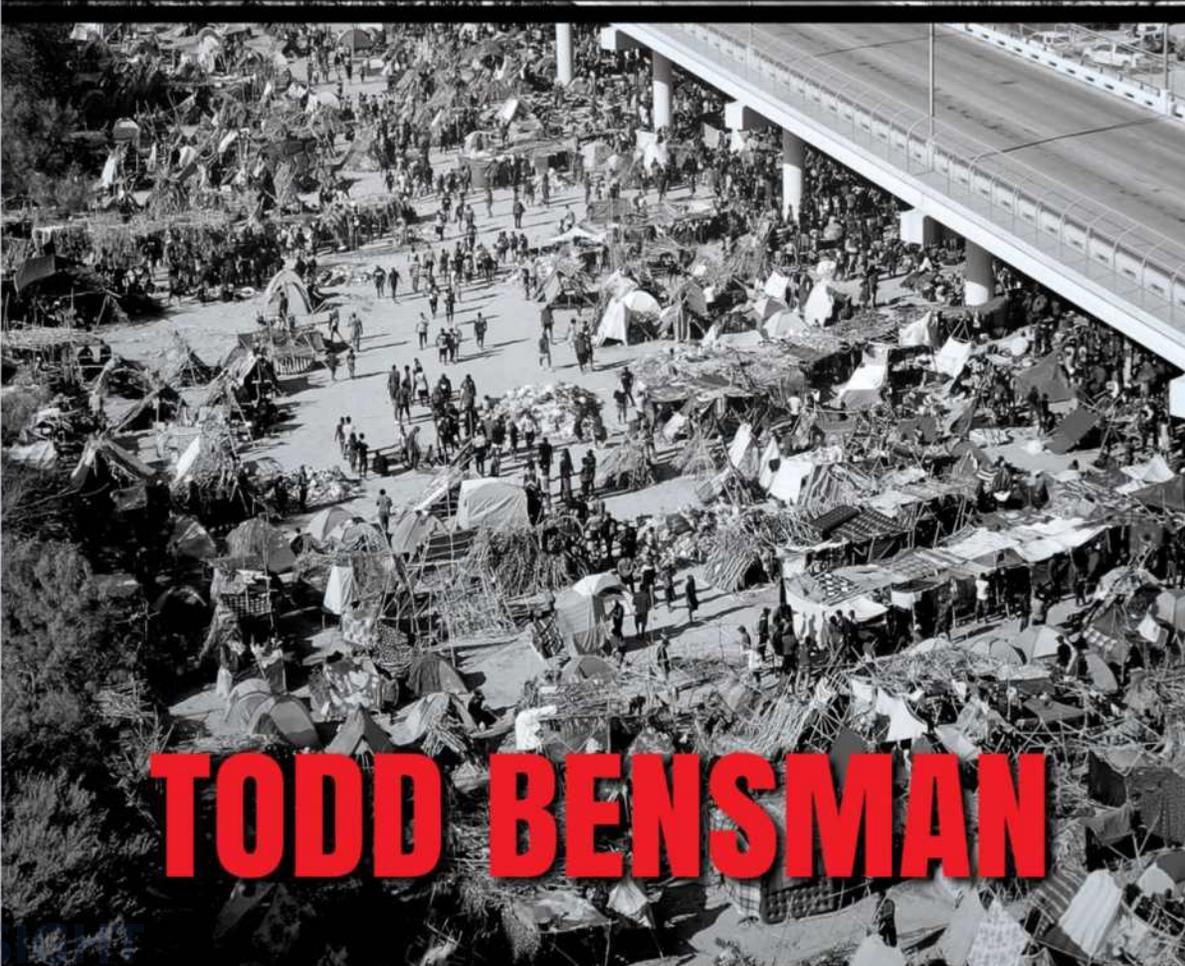
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Hill Press/Bombardier Books February
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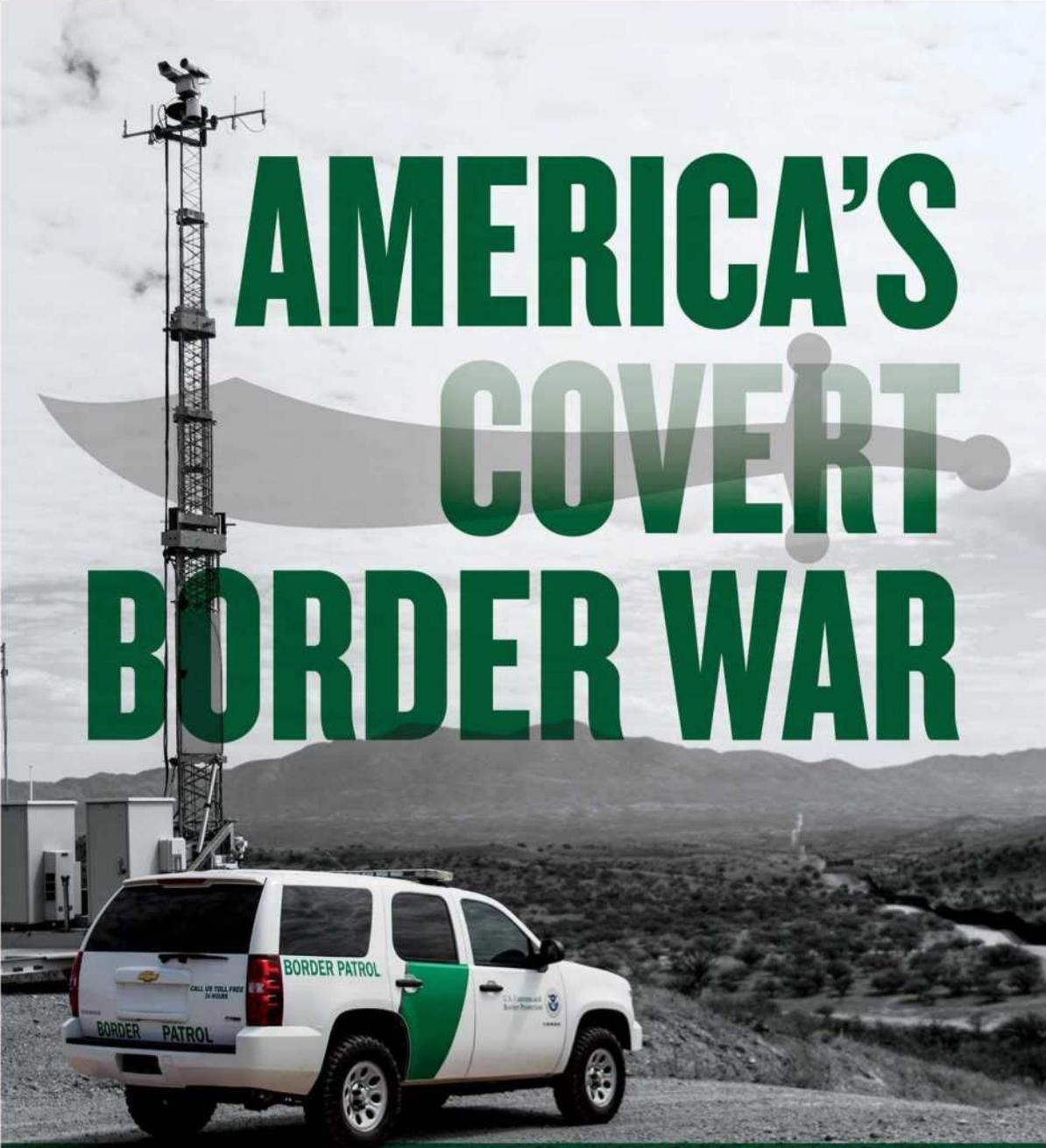


TODD BENSMAN

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From: Miller, Ericka
Sent: Mon, 25 Nov 2024 19:37:41 +0000
To: Martin, Freeman
Subject: Fwd: Dr. Phil Request - Lt. Olivarez Appearance

Bumping this up in your inbox for consideration. Again, I do think it's best to decline.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Miller, Ericka" <Ericka.Johnson@dps.texas.gov>
Date: November 19, 2024 at 2:49:00 PM CST
To: "Martin, Freeman" <Freeman.Martin@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: **Dr. Phil Request - Lt. Olivarez Appearance**

DD Martin,

Lt. Olivarez was invited to participate in a filming of "Dr. Phil Primetime" on December 4th in Arizona along with Tom Homan, Art del Cueto from BP and couple of AZ Sheriffs. He is interested in attending – however, I think it might be best if we decline the offer. Is it alright with you if we go ahead and decline? The full request is below.

Ericka

Request:

Howdy Lt. Olivarez,

We'd love to film another border show with you and Dr. Phil. We have Tom Homan, Sheriff Mark Danniels, Sheriff Mark Lamb and Art del Cueto all joining.

We'd like to **film December 4th from Sheriff Mark Dannels new AZ border facility.**

**Border Center
665 N. Garden Ave.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

Please let us know if DPS will allow you to travel and join us on, “Dr. Phil Primetime,” and if you need a hotel, flight, or any accommodations. If so, Sabrina is the expert and can assist.

You have my cell, 817-201-1204, if you need anything or my counter-part Jackie’s, 718-354-7704. Thank you for your time and service. God bless!

All the best,



Malena Larson

Booking Producer

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From: Martin, Freeman
Sent: Wed, 22 May 2024 20:23:07 +0000
To: McCraw, Steven
Subject: Fwd: KVUE: ACLU OLS Report



From: Petterson, Lauren <LPetterson@kvue.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:20 AM
To: Media And Communications Office
<MediaAndCommunicationsOffice@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: KVUE, News <news@kvue.com>
Subject: KVUE Inquiry: ACLU Operation Lone Star Report

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Hello,

I'm reaching out to see if DPS has a comment on the ACLU's report on Operation Lone Star. Are you able to confirm the accuracy of the data in the [report](#)? Are you able to confirm the total cost of the mission (\$11 billion)? We're hoping to receive a response to include in our coverage by 4:45 p.m.

Thank you,

Lauren Petterson-McMurry | Senior Producer

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From: KVUE, News <news@kvue.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:01 AM
To: KVUE News Staff <KVUENewsStaff@kvue.com>
Subject: Fw: ACLU of Texas Report Shows Failures of \$11 Billion Immigration Enforcement Program Operation Lone Star

From: Media ACLU - TX <media@aclutx.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 11:00 AM
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ACLU of Texas Report Shows Failures of \$11 Billion Immigration Enforcement Program Operation Lone Star

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HOUSTON — The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas and ACLU Analytics published a [report](#) today that reveals Governor Greg Abbott's state immigration enforcement program, Operation Lone Star (OLS), has failed its [mission](#).

The \$11.2 billion program was created in 2021 to prevent migrants from allegedly bringing drugs and crime into Texas from across the border. But the state's own data indicates that's not the case. Instead, as the report shows, the unconstitutional operation is primarily racially profiling and arresting people who pose no threat to public safety, then forcing them into a separate and unequal criminal legal system.

The report titled "[Operation Lone Star: Misinformation and Discrimination in Texas Border Enforcement](#)" analyzes arrest data from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and court data from the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System (OCA) between 2021 and 2023, which was obtained through open record requests.

Key findings include:

- OLS demonstrates racial profiling and unconstitutional policing. Arrest rates for trespassing were significantly higher for Latine people. 96.6% of arrests for alleged trespassing were Latine people.
- OLS has primarily arrested people accused of low-level offenses like trespassing rather than drug-related offenses, human smuggling, or weapon charges. Nearly 70% of court appearances only had misdemeanor charges.
- OLS has overwhelmingly prosecuted U.S. citizens and nationals rather than migrants for drug-related offenses, human smuggling, and weapon charges. U.S. citizens and nationals accounted for approximately 75% of all court proceedings for these offenses.
- OLS has expanded far beyond the border. 13,600 arrests occurred in non-border counties, oftentimes hundreds of miles from the nearest port of entry.
- The government's data about OLS is inconsistent across state agencies. In these data sets, there were 38,030 arrests reported by DPS but only 13,306 people appeared before a magistrate as reported by OCA.

"Texas has no business trying to run its own immigration enforcement program," said [Sarah Cruz](#) (she/her), policy and advocacy strategist for border and immigrants' rights at the ACLU of Texas. "Governor Abbott and other state politicians conflating immigration with drugs and crime is as false as it is inflammatory and dangerous to our communities. Operation Lone Star is unconstitutional and

ineffective, and the moral cost of the state's unchecked cruelty is far greater than the \$11 billion price tag. OLS and the state's relentless attacks on our communities must end."

[Click here to download a video statement from Sarah Cruz.](#)

For years, civil rights organizations, including the ACLU of Texas, have sounded the alarm about OLS' unconstitutionality and rampant civil rights abuses. In 2023, the ACLU of Texas and the Texas Fair Defense Project filed a [lawsuit](#) after migrants were overdetailed for an additional 13-42 days after their charges were dropped or their sentences were fully served. Other abuses of power include officers installing dangerous razor-wire-wrapped [buoys](#) in the Rio Grande and [deadly DPS vehicle pursuits](#).

The report lists recommendations for Texas legislators to minimize the harms of OLS — including returning access to local parks and banks of the Rio Grande to border communities and coordinating with the federal government to ensure that people seeking asylum are given their lawful right to do so among others — while outlining why the program should ultimately be shut down.

Access the full report in English here:

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Hi, sir,

Do you have any issues with Lt. Olivarez speaking with this group?

Thank you,



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Thank you for your quick reply! VCC (Virtual Club Coalition) is a group of 8 states (Arkansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) that meet monthly on Zoom. Dr. Ben Carson was our December speaker, January speaker will be Sen. Tom Cotton, and Gov. Noem is planned for April! As mentioned on our call, most of Senator Cotton's questions were border related. We would love to have an expert answer questions from our membership! I spoke to my counterpart and she would like more time to push the call. Does, Thursday, March 7 or Monday, March 11 at 7:30 – 8:30pm CST work for you.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please call me if you have any questions.

AND, thank you for keeping Texas safe!



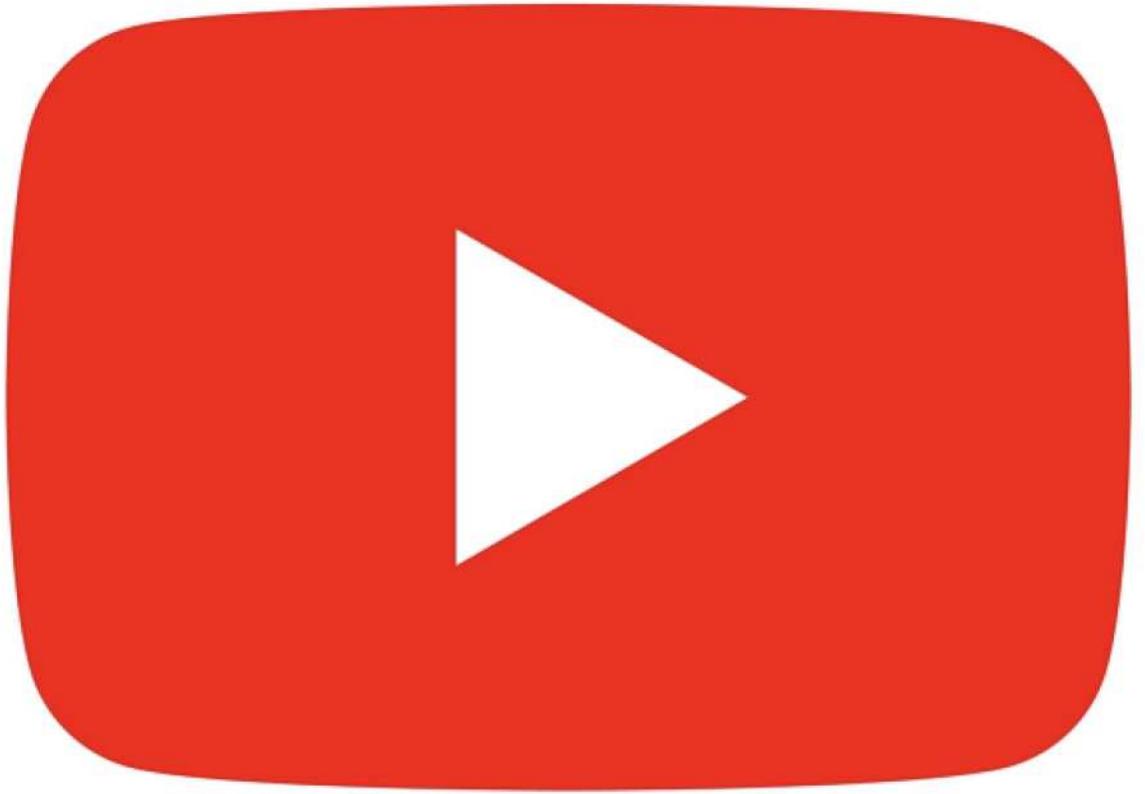
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Steven,

We must NEVER forget what Joe Biden and Kamala Harris did...

Under their radical Administration, illegal border crossings hit a record of over 11 million!

Because of Joe Biden and his failed 'Border Czar' Kamala Harris, America's streets are flooded with dangerous criminals, gang activity, deadly fentanyl, and more. Their decision to NOT secure our southern border made every state a border state. ***But not for long!***

Former ICE Director, **TOM HOMAN**, will be the new 'Border Czar.'



There's no one tougher on the border. Tom Homan knows what to do, how to do it with speed, and will work collaboratively with Texas. The days of open borders are about to end!

DO YOU APPROVE OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S BORDER CZAR?

I APPROVE →

I DISAPPROVE →

President Trump has selected a ***REAL*** U.S. Border Czar. Not a fake, do-nothing Border Czar like Kamala Harris.

Steven, I look forward to working with President Trump and Tom Homan to continue our fight to secure our southern border, and I need to know where you stand. **Could you complete my Official Border Czar Approval Poll? It will take less than one minute. >>**

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Thank you and may God bless America,



- Governor Greg Abbott

More About Governor Greg Abbott



Hi, this is Greg Abbott. Whether you were born in Texas, moved here yesterday, or are following along from afar, I'm glad you're here.

If you didn't know, a tree fell on me while I was out jogging in my 20s and left me paralyzed from the waist down. Supported by my family and faith, I pulled through that difficult time and recognized life is defined not by the challenges we face, but by how we respond to those challenges.

This rings true for our state and its people, too.

Texas has always been a land of freedom and opportunity. Since we won our independence as a sovereign nation in 1836, Texas has been the natural home for entrepreneurs, adventurers, pioneers, and leaders. My job as Governor of Texas is to defend the values that keep Texas #1! We are off to a great start.

Since I became Governor, Texas has added more than 2 million new jobs. We're home to over 3 million small businesses that employ nearly half of all working Texans, and we're #1 for Fortune 500 company headquarters. We're also #1 for economic development, exports, and jobs created by Black business owners, Hispanic women business owners, and veteran women business owners.

In Texas, everyone can succeed.

My wife Cecilia, the first Hispanic First Lady of Texas, our daughter, Audrey, and I – plus our three Golden Retrievers, Peaches, Pancake, and Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit – love this great state and are proud to call it home. My life is defined by public service, and I'm honored to continue to serve as your Governor.

Thank you for your generous support,



Governor Greg Abbott

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