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American law has encouraged some illegals to wise up and go home — or at least ask an immigration judge for papers so they won't have a deportation on record.

[A Mexican woman told](#) the Marshall Project why women in her facility want to pack up and leave: "They're tired of living in here, of dealing with ICE, dealing with guards.... They give up."

That's a good thing, but voluntary departures won't resolve the crisis at the border or what taxpayers face with the illegals who stay. As well, even if all the nearly 30,000 applications end in the departure of an illegal alien, the taxpayers are left with illegals who cross the border every month, [a figure that topped](#) 100,000 in March and April.

Hard-core Criminals Won't Voluntarily Depart

Something of an irony about the illegals who voluntarily depart is that they have, at last, acknowledged the law, even if stubbornly, and at last, unwillingly.

Others won't, as an arrest at Nogales, Arizona, on Monday well showed.

An illegal Honduran showed up at the Dennis Deconcini crossing and asked for asylum, [Customs and Border Protection reported](#). Border agents quickly discovered that one Alex Josue Mendez-Maldonado is a rape suspect in New Orleans, Louisiana, with a "full outstanding warrant." And he "had previous arrests in Wisconsin for trespassing, and Louisiana for resisting an officer, simple battery," and other "disturbing" charges that CBP did not reveal.

The agency did not reveal whether Mendez-Maldonado was deported or simply fled the country. But he did try to re-enter illegally with an obviously bogus asylum claim.

Border agents spend a significant amount of time apprehending previously deported sex predators, who are a major problem at the border. As [The New American reported](#) today, agents collared four of them recently, which means they wind through the court system yet again at significant expense to the American taxpayer.

That said, as good as the news on voluntary departure sounds, the number of illegals who jump the border every day far outpaces the number who apply to leave.

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