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# ICE Moves Agents to Border to Catch Fake Families, Real Smugglers

Since the beginning of the year, Border Patrol officers have faced an relentless wave of illegal aliens that total more than 400,000.

But most of the illegal are arriving as family units, the data show. Since October, the [figure is 215,745](#).

One reason for “families?” [Illegals know](#) that carting a kid along means an almost certain ticket to be released into the United States after border agents apprehend them.



That knowledge, Immigration and Customs Enforcement reports, has provided an incentive for illegals to lie by creating phony documents that in turn create fake families,

Thus has ICE moved more resources to the border to look for the fakers.

Result? Of the 100 or so “families,” ICE officers have investigated, 25 were bogus.

## They Know The Loopholes

How many illegals have slipped by border agents with phony ID and manufactured tales of woe we are not given to know, although the [White House has said](#) about 90 percent of the asylum claims from “migrants,” who are mostly from the Northern Triangle, are bogus.

So [ICE has moved](#) more resources to the border, the agency announced on Monday, to ferret out fake documents and human smugglers.

The week before Easter, ICE Home Security Investigations sent three teams to support Customs and Border Protection officials in [El Paso](#), Texas, and Las Cruces, New Mexico. The following week, ICE HSI sent three teams to [Eagle Pass and Harlingen](#), Texas, [Yuma](#), Arizona, and [El Centro](#) and [San Diego](#), California.

The agency also temporarily moved about 330 deportation officers to those border areas where the illegal-invasion of the last six months is a particular concern.

“Throughout April, HSI special agents have conducted about 100 family unit interviews and have found evidence of fraud in more than a quarter of cases,” [ICE reported](#). “This fraud may include the use of forged birth certificates or other fraudulent documents to establish parentage.” In addition:

Forged or other fraudulent documents are also being used by adult illegal aliens to falsely claim they are minors under the age of 18. By fraudulently entering as a family unit or unaccompanied minor, illegal aliens can exploit loopholes in immigration laws to enter the U.S. and avoid detention.

Earlier today, [The New American reported](#) that the Pentagon moved 320 more troops to the border through Sept. 30, at a cost of \$7.4 million, to help border agents deal with illegal-alien tsunami, which again, carries most families from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.



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Word of the weakness of U.S. immigration law has traveled to Central America, where smugglers are advertising for “migrants” to move north, sometimes in [caravans of buses](#) that deliver them straight to the border.

Once there, as [The New American has reported](#), the smugglers move the illegals across, sometimes with the help of drones to spot U.S. border agents.

### **Fakers Caught, And So Were Three Smugglers**

Among those caught are two father-and-son “family units” on April 22. “The four individuals, two of whom were discovered to be 23-year-old men pretending to be minors,” [ICE reported](#), “are being prosecuted for visa fraud and making false statements.”

ICE caught another faker on April 18. “An adult Honduran man presented a false birth certificate for a 7-year-old child traveling with him,” ICE reported. “During an interview, the adult admitted that he was completely unrelated to the child. The man was prosecuted for illegal entry and the child was turned over to the Office of Refugee Resettlement as an unaccompanied minor, according to procedures required in the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act.”

Meanwhile, [CBP agents nailed](#) three Americans who attempted to smuggle right Mexicans across the border at the Tohono O’odham nation.

On Friday night, agents stopped a car with six passengers: a driver and five illegals wearing camouflage. On Sunday, they nailed the driver and a passenger, both Americans, trying to smuggle three illegals into the country.

Authorities charged the eight illegals with immigration violations and the three Americans with smuggling humans.

In an unrelated action, [CBP also stopped](#) another big load of marijuana. On Sunday at the World Trade Bridge an agents performed a canine and “non-intrusive imaging” inspection and founded 1,756 pounds of the weeds in 67 packages and worth \$351,325.

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