

# Sex Crimes and Illegal Aliens: Border Patrol, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Complete Wall System in San Diego



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U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested a Mexican national with multiple warrants in both Mexico and Oregon for homicide and rape, respectively.

Tucson Sector agents apprehended three men after they illegally crossed the border into the United States through a mountainous area outside Nogales. Records checks revealed one of the men, Juan Francisco Espinosa-Burgos, to be wanted for rape in Oregon City, Oregon. He is also wanted in Mexico for homicide.

All three subjects will be processed for immigration violations. Espinosa-Burgos will be handed over to Mexican law enforcement authorities following his extradition to Oregon for adjudication of his alleged crimes in the U.S.



On August 9, 2019, [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

(CBP), in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), completed

construction on approximately 14 miles of new border wall system in U.S. Border Patrol's (USBP) San Diego Sector in California. This project, funded with CBP's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 appropriation, included the construction of 18-foot steel bollards, improved road conditions, and additional technology in place of dilapidated and outdated pedestrian barrier.

"The construction of the new border wall system supports USBP's ability to impede and deny illegal border crossings and the drug and human smuggling activities of transnational criminal organizations while increasing safety by allowing agents to observe activity just immediately south of the border wall," said Acting San Diego Sector Chief Kathleen Scudder.

As of August 9, 2019, CBP has constructed approximately 57 miles of new border wall system since 2017. By the end of 2020, CBP and DOD expect to construct a total of 450 miles or more of new border wall system if additional funds are identified, including up to 334 miles of new border wall system completed by CBP in high priority locations across the Southwest border using a combination of the Department of Homeland Security appropriations, Department of Defense 10 U.S.C. § 284 Counter-Narcotics funding and Treasury Forfeiture Funds. This includes an addition of approximately 14 miles of

new secondary wall in the same location in USBP's San Diego Sector funded by CBP's FY 2018 appropriation, of which over six miles have been completed to date.

CBP continues to implement President Trump's Executive Order 13767 – also known as *Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements* – taking steps to expeditiously plan, design, and construct a physical wall using appropriate materials and technology to most effectively achieve operational control of the southern border.



**CALEXICO, Calif.** – U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the [El Centro Sector](#) arrested a previously removed sex offender Monday morning.

The incident occurred at around 7 a.m., when agents assigned to the El Centro Station encountered a man suspected of illegally entering the United States approximately 18 miles east of the Calexico West Downtown Port of Entry. Agents arrested the man and transported him to the El Centro Station for immigration and criminal history screening.

Agents conducted records checks, which revealed that the man, later identified as Mauricio Moreno-Garcia, a 26-year-old Mexican national, was convicted of Sexual Lewdness w/Child less than 14 years of age in 2016 out of the state of Nevada. Moreno was sentenced to 24-60 months confinement for his conviction.

Moreno was removed from the United States on January 11, 2018

as an aggravated felon.

Moreno is being held in federal custody pending further criminal prosecution.

In fiscal year 2019, El Centro Sector Border Patrol agents have arrested and removed 21 individuals either convicted or wanted on sexual assault charges after they entered the United States illegally.

## 8 U.S. Code § 1325. Improper entry by alien

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(a) Improper time or place; avoidance of examination or inspection; misrepresentation and concealment of facts

Any alien who (1) enters or attempts to enter the [United States](#) at any time or place other than as designated by [immigration officers](#), or (2) eludes examination or inspection by [immigration officers](#), or (3) attempts to enter or obtains entry to the [United States](#) by a willfully false or misleading representation or the willful concealment of a material fact, shall, for the first commission of any such offense, be fined under title 18 or imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both, and, for a subsequent commission of any such offense, be fined under title 18, or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested a previously deported Guatemalan National in Bangor. The man now faces felony charges for illegal re-entry after deportation

under [U.S. Code](#).

On the evening of September 19, Houlton Station Border Patrol agents encountered the Guatemalan man, identified as Mateo Carmelo-Bartolo, in Bangor.

The agents determined Carmelo-Bartolo was illegally present in the United States. Carmelo-Bartolo was taken into custody and transported to [Houlton, Maine](#) for processing.

Carmelo-Bartolo's immigration history revealed two previous deportations consisting of one from Laredo, Texas in 2007 and the second from Phoenix, Arizona in 2010. In 2013, the subject again illegally re-entered the United States through an area near Rio Bravo, Texas and admitted this to agents.

"Re-entry after deportation is a serious violation of our laws," said Jason Owens, Chief Patrol Agent of the [Border Patrol in Maine](#). "Identifying and removing those who knowingly and repeatedly violate our immigration laws is one of our top

priorities.”

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