

Terrell County Sheriff's Office End of Month Report August 2021

For the month of August Terrell County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) reports an increase in theft reports around town. TCSO has received numerous calls regarding residents having items stolen / removed from their houses. Most of the items taken have been items that residents usually leave or remain outside their homes. We have also received calls regarding UPS or Fed Ex packages being removed from residential homes, and local utility companies have also reported thefts of utility service. These particular crimes cannot be blamed on the Border Crisis, even though TCSO has received calls and has apprehended Illegal Aliens (IA's) in town. TCSO received a call regarding a local resident's livestock being slaughtered maliciously. These calls are still under investigation, we have advised local residents to protect their homes with surveillance equipment, to be vigilant, and to advise their neighbors or Sheriff's Office when they plan to be out of town for a long period of time. Our Sheriff's Office will continue to patrol and respond to such reports, we do advise that there will be times when our office is not in town due to the border issues outside of town, and we hope that residents will be patient and understanding.

TCSO also had three encounters this month with mental health patients, all were on Hwy 90. They included a person that believed he was the target of an assassination conspiracy. This person, after being encountered by TCSO, left his vehicle and took off into the brush, after a quick search he was located. After TC EMS evaluation he was transported to Val Verde Hospital in Del Rio, TX. A second person located walking in town and later encountered approximately 40 miles east of Sanderson, also a mental health patient was provided assistance by TCSO by taking him to Del Rio, TX for further help. A third encounter occurred the same day as the previous two. This encounter was out west of Sanderson Hwy 90 happening just inside Brewster County. A person reported seeing subjects in the brush, inside his vehicle, and also surrounding / jumping on his vehicle. Brewster County Sheriff's Office was contacted and it was determined that the subject was hallucinating and had possibly taken some type of narcotic. Since he was in Brewster County, they took over the case. Terrell County has no Mental Health

office here the closest one is in Odessa, TX. so, on scene first responders have to determine how to assist these people.

TCSO continues to support our law enforcement partners, U.S. Border Patrol and Department of Public Safety (DPS). TCSO continues to apprehend, detect and deter smuggling activities, On August 11 TCSO performed a traffic stop on a vehicle east of Dryden Hwy 90 which resulted in the apprehension of 9 illegal aliens and an illegal alien driver. The case was turned over to U.S. Border Patrol. On August 12 TCSO received a call regarding two suspicious subjects walking on main street, TCSO Deputy responded and was able to determine that the two subjects (male and female) were illegal aliens. U.S. Border Patrol was contacted and both subjects were turned over. It was later learned that the subjects were from Ecuador and had been walking towards town from Palma Cny. area, approximately 45 miles east of Sanderson. On August 16 TCSO Deputy, while patrolling Hwy 90 encountered a vehicle with a fictitious temporary license plate tag. After further questioning it was determined that the driver was possibly in the area to pick up a group of illegal aliens. The vehicle was impounded and the driver released, due to no derogatory information. On August 17 TCSO Deputy, while on patrol encountered 3 illegal aliens in the Dryden area, and later that same day encountered 2 more illegal aliens approximately 25 miles east of Dryden on Hwy 90. All subjects were turned over to U.S. Border Patrol. On August 19 TCSO picked up 1 illegal alien, during the early morning hours, sitting at a local business. The subject advised he was waiting to be picked up, U.S Border Patrol was contacted and he was turned over for proper disposition. On August 30 TCSO Deputy assisted U.S. Border Patrol with the apprehension of a group of 7 illegal aliens in the brush south of Hwy 90 in the Cedar Station area.

U.S Border Patrol continue to have apprehensions throughout the county, reporting groups of illegal aliens crossing on a daily basis. The full moon phase this month could have accounted for the numerous crossings. Sanderson Border Patrol reported 499 apprehensions for the month of August and 302 Got A ways. Several illegal alien load outs were located by BP this month in various locations on Hwy 90. Only one Failure to Yield (FTY) was reported, the information was passed on to DPS for their assistance which resulted in an apprehension. Border Patrol reported a rancher encounter, in a different neighboring county, which resulted in the rancher having to discharge his weapon into the air when he was

surrounded by a group of approximately 10 illegal aliens. The rancher was scared when he couldn't communicate with the group, he was in his barn and felt cornered by the group, he felt his only option was to discharge his weapon. As a result, all the subjects ran away Border Patrol was contacted, and after a search were able to locate and apprehend the group. All subjects were taken into custody, no one was injured during the incident. Although this happened in another neighboring county TCSO reminds the court that this type of scenario can also occur in Terrell County. Property and Land Owners are always expressing concern over this happening on their property.

The Terrell County Sheriff' Office Dispatch continues to receive 911 calls for assistance from lost or injured illegal aliens. On August 13 TCSO Dispatch received a 911 call, but the call was dropped before anyone on the line spoke. Through the 911 GPS system the dispatcher was able to ping the phone number for a location. GPS numbers were provided to Border Patrol, who responded with negative results. On August 17 TCSO Dispatch received a 911 call from two illegal aliens requesting help, the dispatcher was able to use the 911 GPS system to ping the subjects. The pair were shown to be at the Harrison Ranch south of Dryden, TX. information was passed on to Border Patrol and both subjects were located and provided with medical attention. On August 24 TCSO Dispatch received a 911 call from a group of illegal aliens that needed assistance, Dispatch was able to ping their cellphone for GPS Coordinates. The GPS showed that the group was in the far east portion of the county. Border Patrol was provided with the information and they responded. On August 26 TCSO received a 911 call from a group of 3 illegal aliens in distress, Dispatch was able to ping their cellphone and retrieve the GPS coordinates, it showed that the group was south of Gatlin Lane approximately 15 miles west of Sanderson. Information was passed on to Border Patrol and they were able to locate the 3 subjects.

The Sherriff's Office continues to receive calls from area ranchers complaining of damages to their property. TCSO has received calls regarding cut fence lines, and cut water lines. The fence lines that are being cut are not the usual three or four string wire fences, but rather the high fence that ranchers have placed on properties to keep the wildlife inside for hunting purposes. These fences are not easily replaced and are costly. The water lines continue to be cut with thousands of gallons of water spilling out into ground, again a costly repair to the rancher.

TCSO continues to assist Terrell County EMS either as drivers or escorting the ambulance to the hospital due to patients being mentally unstable. This usually means that the county is left with little coverage. As we have informed the court before TCSO lost a deputy to another Sheriff's Office this has and will cause a strain on the department. The deputy's departure was not due to management indifferences, but rather an opportunity to be closer to his family.

TCSO housed a family in need of assistance after a vehicle accident with a semi-truck totaled their vehicle and sent a parent and teenage daughter to the hospital in Del Rio, TX. The remaining family members were shuttled to Sanderson and were provided with over night housing at a local church. The next day arrangements were made by TCSO with Del Rio authorities to house the remaining family members in Del Rio to be closer to their injured parties. Del Rio city commissioner was very helpful in the matter and was able to secure a hotel room for the family, TCSO transported the family to Del Rio and they were turned over to the city commissioner for transport to a hotel.

TCSO met with the new wave of Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Troopers assigned to Terrell County for support of Operation Lone Star. Eight DPS Troopers were assigned to different county highways, they detected, deterred, and apprehended illegal aliens during their detail. On August 30 Border Patrol reported a vehicle north of Dryden on Hwy 349 possibly loaded with illegal aliens headed north. Border Patrol was unable to apprehend the vehicle due to excessive speeds, DPS was contacted and they encountered the vehicle and managed to apprehend the driver and several illegal aliens. A total of three vehicles were apprehended that day by DPS, one vehicle was stopped with the use of tire deflation device.

TCSO met with DPS management and we were informed that DPS will be assigning two new Troopers to Terrell County, The Troopers have already completed their academy training and are currently training with their field training officers, once they have completed the training they will be assigned to live and work in Terrell County.

TCSO would also like to advise the court that during the month of August the Sheriff's Office threw away approximately four thousand dollars in inmate meals that had been purchased by the previous administration. The meals were

purchased during a time when the jail was closed, and no inmates were being detained, due to their expiration date the ready meals could not be donated to anyone.

TCSO was invited on August 31 to participate in a Border Crisis round table discussion in Uvalde, TX. with U.S. Senator Ted Cruz. Other border Sheriff's were also present representing their counties, Senator Cruz asked everyone at the table to inform him what was occurring in their county. Our office advised him of all the border traffic occurring in our county including, property damages, failure to yields, apprehensions, 911 calls received from Illegal aliens in distress, and the number of deceased illegal aliens the county has had.

The Terrell County Sheriff's Office, although a bit shorthanded will continue to do all it can and preform it's duties to our fullest ability for the community and county.

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