Yuma Border Patrol Seizes Drugs, Fraudulent Documents, and Arrest Seven Illegal Aliens

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YUMA, Ariz. – Over a 24-hour period earlier this week, Border Patrol agents assigned to the Wellton Station seized three fraudulent immigration documents, more than 270 pounds of marijuana, and apprehended seven illegal aliens.

Tuesday, three individuals presented false immigration documents to agents assigned to the immigration checkpoint east of Yuma. The individuals were arrested for being illegally present in the United States and the documents were seized. Soon after, agents arrested four illegal immigrants, south of Wellton, smuggling bundles of marijuana. The marijuana weighed 140 pounds and had an estimated value of nearly \$70,000.

In the third event, a canine team assigned to a forward operating base south of Dateland, Ariz., was conducting tracking operations, when the canine alerted to four bundles of marijuana hidden under a thicket of brush. The bundles of marijuana weighed more than 130 pounds and was valued at \$65,000.

All individuals, drugs and documents were processed per Yuma Sector guidelines. U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.