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Feds file more than 250 new immigration cases including handful in El Paso

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EL PASO, Texas ([KTSM](#)) — Prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of Texas have filed 254 new immigration and immigration-related cases in the past week, including a handful with ties to El Paso.

Charges were brought against human smugglers and undocumented migrants with past convictions for numerous DWIs, violent crimes including crimes against children, thefts, and multiple prior removals, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Across the district, 76 of the charges are for improper entry by a migrant, 142 are for illegal re-entry, 20 cases are for migrant smuggling, and 13 are for fraud and misuse of visas, permits and related documents, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Among the new cases, four individuals were arrested near Socorro and charged via a criminal complaint after their alleged smuggling scheme was foiled by U.S. Border Patrol agents on June 7, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

The complaint alleges that agents located and apprehended eight migrants who admitted they had crossed the Rio Grande River, used a ladder to climb over the international boundary fence, and entered the U.S. without inspection or authorization.

During processing at the Ysleta Border Patrol Station, agents observed that one of the immigrants had received incoming calls and messages from multiple phone numbers associated with smuggling activity.

Further investigation led to the location and arrests of Adrian Silvestre Ortiz, Sheyla Carrillo-Aguilar and Veronica Madrid, who were allegedly involved in the planned pickup and transportation of the illegal aliens. An alleged fourth conspirator, Irvin Alonso Guzman Luna, admitted he served as the foot guide for the migrants after they crossed into the U.S., according to the criminal complaint.

U.S. citizen Ashley Villalobos is charged with migrant smuggling for allegedly attempting to smuggle two Mexican children from Hidalgo that she picked up at a grocery store in Ciudad Juarez. A criminal complaint alleges that Villalobos stated she was going to be paid \$1,500 per child and had smuggled minors twice in May.

Raul Oliver Rede-Mendez, an undocumented migrant from Mexico with a lengthy record of felony convictions, was found at or near Loop 375, about a half mile west of the Bridge of the Americas Port of Entry in El Paso, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Rede-Mendez has also gone by the names Raul Fierro-Mendez, Juan Rede, and Raul Reyes. He's been removed from the U.S. four times, the last being in May 2024, following an illegal re-entry conviction. He's also been convicted of failure to stop at the scene of personal injury, theft by shoplifting, obstructing judiciary/congress/legislature, assault, and more, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Edwin Eberaldo Miranda-Hinojosa, an undocumented migrant from Bolivia, was arrested in El Paso for allegedly attempting to evade

immigration laws by appearing under an assumed or fictitious name. According to a criminal complaint, Miranda-Hinojosa applied for admission into the United States at the Paso Del Norte Port of Entry via the pedestrian primary, presenting a counterfeit border crossing card. The complaint alleges that Miranda-Hinojosa initially claimed that the document was his but then stated that he obtained it from another individual and was going to pay \$4,000 for it after he entered the U.S.

Miranda-Hinojosa was removed from the U.S. in December 2025, following his second DWI conviction within five years, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. He has also been previously convicted multiple times of assault and battery of a family member, prosecutors added.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas comprises 68 counties located in the central and western areas of Texas, encompasses nearly 93,000 square miles and an estimated population of 7.6 million people. The district includes three of the five largest cities in Texas —San Antonio, Austin and El Paso — and shares 660 miles of common border with Mexico.

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