

Border Impact to Tarrant County Texas;

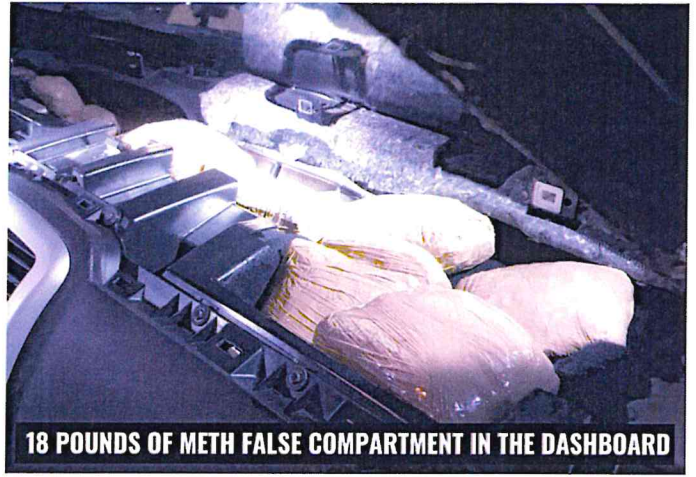
Thank you for the invitation and opportunity to testify

Tarrant County Texas is the 3rd largest county in Texas and 14th in the Nation with a population of 2.2 million and growing.

The impact of the open border since 2021 has had numerous effects on our county. We have seen health issues, including mental health, increase rapidly due to 1000% plus increase of available drugs entering across the border. In Fort Worth Texas in 2020, you could buy a gram of methamphetamines for \$80. Today, you can get pure meth for \$15 a gram. A fentanyl pill in 2020 costs between \$30-35 a pill, today it is \$8. Our county jail has a daily average of 4,300 inmates. We have seen mental health issues rise from 25% of the population in 2017 to 66% in 2024 with 42% being chronic illnesses. Suspected issues are illegal narcotics abuse with methamphetamine leading the way. There are several surface economic factors, including the cost of housing illegal aliens in our jail alone. The daily cost is over \$24,000 a day to county residents with the average inmates stay being 145 days. These inmates have committed crimes against our residents (list of offenses attached). The attached snap shot of 264 illegal aliens is costing \$3.5 million. The information on the attached heat map of opioid overdoses came from ambulance transportations with the cost of an overdose Emergency in an ambulance alone being well over \$5 million dollars, not including the ER and hospital stay. With the cost of education rising, we are unsure of the impact on the border. According to HHS, since 2021 over 2,500 unescorted minors now live in Tarrant County with unknown sponsors; 350 this year alone so far. While the economic impact is one thing, the toll on human lives is another, one of which cannot be calculated. In the attachment we see 264 people with detainees, with over 170 violent crime. These crimes include Murder, Sex Assault of Children, Victimization of the Elderly, and the list goes on. These offenders, which many are gang members and outlaws, have left nothing untouched. While I do not necessarily think these aliens have a higher crime rate, just the fact these people are illegal in our country and committed crimes is the impact.



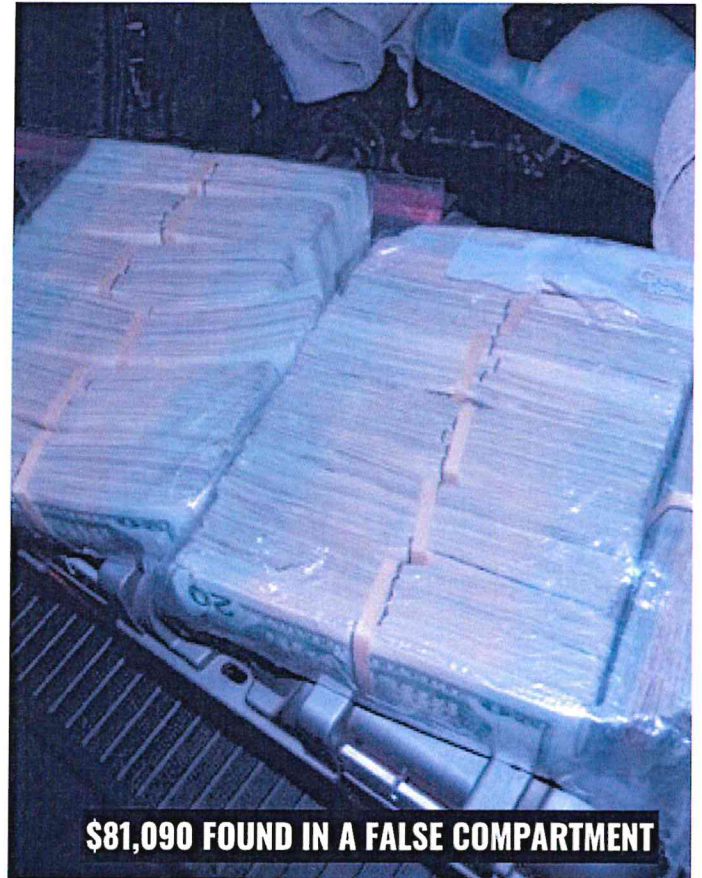
8 KILOGRAMS OF FENTANYL PILLS



18 POUNDS OF METH FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE DASHBOARD



23 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE



\$81,090 FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT



273 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE



TARRANT COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
BILL E. WAYBOURN

Bill Waybourn
Sheriff
O| 817.884.3098
F| 817.212.6987

Plaza Building
200 Taylor Street
Seventh Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

One Day Snapshot of Inmates in the Tarrant County Jail.

264 Inmates are held on State charges and Federal detainees for illegally entry into this county.
264 inmates with 311 State charges.

178	Violent Crimes
8	Murder
44	Aggravated Sexual Assault, Indecency, Continuous Sexual Assault of Child
6	Aggravated Robbery
3	Aggravated Kidnapping w/Deadly Weapon
47	Assault
38	Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon
5	Sexual Assault / Aggravated Sexual Assault
4	Injury to Elderly
3	Burglary of Habitation
3	Engaging in Organized Crime
3	Unlawful Carry of a Weapon
2	Intoxicated Assault w/Vehicle
2	Possession of Child Pornography
2	Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon
1	Felony Escape
1	Intoxicated Homicide
1	Manslaughter
2	Resisting Arrest
2	Terroristic Threat on Family Member
1	Discharge of Firearm Illegally
133	Non-Violent/Property Crime

Opioid Overdose Heat Map from May 2023- December 2023

