

COUNTY OF GOLIAD

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April 21st, 2021

Honorable County Judge Mike Bennett,

Greetings on the 185th anniversary of the victory at San Jacinto.

As the Sheriff of Goliad County, I am responsible for defending the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Texas, and enforcing the laws of Texas and of the United States. Recent events have transpired that give rise to my belief that in the near future, with the limited resources of the Goliad County Sheriff's Office, there exists the possibility that we may be unable to properly fulfill our legal obligation to the citizens of Goliad County.

In our recent meeting, we were advised that during the time period of April 1, 2021 through April 13, 2021, US Border Patrol apprehended approximately 76,000 illegal aliens who entered the United States. With an estimated catch rate of ten to fifteen percent, this places the potential annual illegal immigration for 2021 somewhere between thirteen and twenty million people if the numbers provided are accurate.

This year, we have seen a rise in criminal activity within our county directly related to the failure of our federally elected officials to fulfill their requirements under the US Constitution, which guarantees that the federal government shall protect each state from invasion.

Here are a few examples of this activity:

- On February 1st, 2021, I engaged in a vehicular pursuit that resulted in the apprehension of illegal aliens who were travelling through the residential roads in the town of Goliad.
- On February 25th, 2021, Goliad deputies apprehended smugglers transporting illegal aliens within the city limits of Goliad.
- On March 12th, 2021, the Goliad Sheriff's Office responded to private property on Hwy 183 North, where the body of Dina Gonzalez from Honduras was discovered in the brush. Mrs. Gonzalez's body was dumped by traffickers after she was smuggled into Texas from Mexico as part of the cartel smuggling activities.
- On March 28th, 2021, we discovered a location on a ranch in Goliad County that was being used to hold illegal aliens in transit from the border and was being used as a location to strip stolen vehicles from throughout Texas for the purpose of human

trafficking. At this location, we recovered one stolen truck and seats from eight other stolen trucks, along with about twenty bags of trash left behind by traffickers. This location is directly tied to criminal activities uncovered throughout our region.

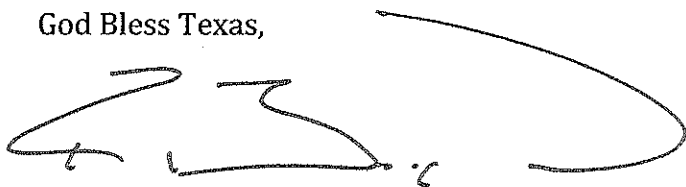
- On the night of Saturday, April 17th, 2021, the Bee County Sheriff's Office engaged in a pursuit of a truck suspected of being used in the smuggling of illegal aliens. This pursuit lead into Goliad County on FM 2442 where the suspects drove onto a private ranch, then exited onto FM 883 after driving through the owner's high game fence.
- On April 17th, 2021, another suspected trafficker entered a ranch in Karnes County without the permission of the owner, then drove across the ranch and into Goliad County, where they damaged two gates and a fence before exiting private property onto Rock Hill Rd by driving through the fence.
- We have discovered numerous sites on private property throughout Goliad County that are being used periodically as temporary hide locations for transnational criminal organizations to hide illegal aliens. We are discovering more each week.

These are but a few examples of recent activities that are cause for concern. This type of criminal activity is increasing throughout our region at an alarming rate and is expending the time and resources of small law enforcement agencies, such as ours, who are already covering large jurisdictions with only two deputies on duty at any given time.

Our recent trips to the border region of Texas have shown us the totality of the crisis and the dangers to the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens. The property damage caused to the citizens of Goliad by the criminals transporting illegal aliens is increasing. The threat of direct contact with illegal aliens and those responsible for their transportation places our citizens at a greater risk for contracting unknown variants of COVID-19. As the surge of illegal aliens increases, the presence of the predatory Mexican cartels in our own communities becomes more frequent and pervasive.

Whereas the elected officials of the federal government have failed to fulfill their Constitutional obligations to the citizens of the County of Goliad, the State of Texas, and the United States, by allowing and promoting the invasion of the United States through their policy of non-prosecution of related criminal activity, it is my opinion that we must take measures to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Goliad County. As such, I am requesting that you, our duly elected County Judge, take the extraordinary measure of issuing a Declaration Of Local Disaster as is authorized under the Texas Government Code.

God Bless Texas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roy Boyd', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Roy Boyd
Sheriff of Goliad County