



**OPERATION GUARDIAN CONTINUES TO  
ENHANCE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL OKLAHOMANS**

On Monday, November 17, 2025, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) conducted a 12-hour special emphasis with ICE to disrupt criminal activity and threats to public safety along State Highway 69 in Bryan County, Oklahoma. OHP took 76 illegal aliens into custody for immigration violations. In addition to hundreds of passenger vehicle contacts, OHP conducted 160 commercial motor vehicle (CMV) inspections. Of the CMV drivers inspected, seven legal aliens were cited for violation of the national standard for English language proficiency.



During this emphasis, OHP apprehended two individuals just north of the Texas border who were trafficking 160 pounds of marijuana and in possession of a firearm and body armor while committing this felony. Additionally, nine of the illegal aliens apprehended by OHP are expected to be charged with other felony crimes. The illegal aliens apprehended this week have prior criminal histories for drug possession, DUI, hit and run, property theft, soliciting prostitution, disorderly conduct, and illegal entry into the US.



“Criminal illegal aliens are a material threat to the safety and security of Oklahoma,” said Tim Tipton, Commissioner of Public Safety. “Recognizing the significance of this threat, Governor Stitt established Operation Guardian and charged me with developing plans to combat the threat of criminal illegal aliens operating in Oklahoma.”



The following highlights just a few examples of the threat posed by criminal illegal aliens. On the day of the 2024 Presidential election, two Afghan nationals planned an ISIS attack at Oklahoma polling places. On March 3, 2025, OHP arrested an illegal alien with ties to a Mexican cartel for trafficking over two pounds of fentanyl through Tulsa – enough Fentanyl to kill 500,000 Oklahomans. Earlier this month, OHP, ICE Homeland Security Investigations, and ATF joined forces to apprehend an illegal alien from Mexico for allegedly trafficking 75 firearms and ammunition out of Tulsa. Just last week in

Muskogee, OHP apprehended an illegal alien with admitted ties to the foreign terrorist organization MS-13.

“I am grateful for Commissioner Tipton and OHP’s commitment to keeping Oklahoma roads safe,” said Governor Stitt. “It is staggering how many individuals are here illegally and operating large commercial vehicles on our roadways. They are endangering the lives of those who live and work here in our state. Oklahoma will continue to enforce the laws and hold criminals accountable.”

Through Governor Stitt and Commissioner Tipton's leadership, OHP is addressing this threat head-on and has quickly become a national leader in apprehensions of criminal illegal aliens. All OHP Troopers are credentialed by ICE to enforce immigration violations. In the past two months alone, OHP has apprehended approximately 500 criminal illegal aliens, some of which have significant criminal histories including child sexual abuse, vehicular homicide, money laundering, human smuggling, domestic assault and battery, and burglary.

"This is a real-world, tangible example of ICE and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol partnering to keep our communities safe," said ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Executive Associate Director Marcos Charles. "Removing criminal alien threats from our roadways is a critical part to enforcing the law while protecting public safety."