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TEXAS DPS BORDER CAMERA ARRAY AND JOINT MONITORING SOFTWARE
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How it Works:

1. The sensor detects activity, and at the same time, the camera captures an image.

2. The picture is immediately transmitted to a DPS internet server and ingested by DPS proprietary monitoring software.

3. Using the monitoring software, DPS jointly validates the incoming images for potential criminal activity along with USBP, then forwards the image and alert notification to all impacted agencies.

4. A follow-up phone call from DPS partners is made to the US Border Patrol Agents in the area, alerting them to the criminal activity.

5. USBP Agents are dispatched to the scene and apprehensions are made, or criminal activity is pushed back to the Texas/Mexico border.

All of this occurs in approximately 60 seconds.
Below are some of the images captured in real time on Drawbridge:
The below series of photos was taken in late summer, during one of the hottest times of the day in a remote area 40 miles from the Texas/Mexico border where several immigrant exposure deaths occur annually. A young female is unable to continue the long walk and left to fend for herself with only a jug of water and minimal supplies – abandoned by the group. Drawbridge monitors contacted U.S. Border Patrol in the area and Agents initiated a Search and Rescue. The young woman was later located by USBP, and turned out to be 14 years old.