

Texas Border Patrol agents bust U-Haul truck smuggling 27 illegal immigrants

The drivers were U.S. citizens.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agents at the Laredo Sector in Texas intercepted a U-Haul truck carrying 27 illegal immigrants in a suspected smuggling operation.

The agents apprehended the truck on I-35, north of Laredo Sector's immigration checkpoint Sunday afternoon, CBP said in a statement.



Officials said the temperature inside was 106 degrees Fahrenheit. (U.S. Customs and Border Protection)

The agents initiated a vehicle stop and found 27 illegal immigrants in the unventilated cargo area of the U-Haul truck. The temperature inside was a blistering 106-degrees Fahrenheit.

The immigrants were from Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. None of them were wearing personal protective equipment. The agents screened the immigrants

for COVID-19 symptoms and provided them with PPE.

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All of the immigrants as well as the driver and passenger - both of whom are U.S. citizens - were taken into custody, pending further investigation.

“Though human smugglers may try different ways to attempt to avoid detection, our agents remain vigilant and committed to our border security and national security mission”, Chief Patrol Agent Matthew Hudak said.

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Fox News has reached out to CBP seeking more information on the status of the driver and the immigrants and will update accordingly.

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