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BorderStat Violence

FY 2008 Year in Review



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Executive Summary

- There were 1,325 incidents of violence occurring at and between the Ports of Entry against CBP Agents and Officers, resulting in a **23% increase from FY 2007 (1,073).**
- **Ninety-seven percent (97%) of all incidents of violence against CBP Agents and Officers occurred on the southwest border.**
 - There were 1,097 incidents of violence against Border Patrol Agents between the Ports. The southwest border accounted for 1,085 incidents, or 99% of all incidents of violence.
 - ◆ There was an **11% increase in assaults against Border Patrol Agents** on the southwest border as compared to FY 2007 (FY 07 - 979).
 - ◆ Border Patrol Agents were required to discharge their weapons while in defense of themselves or others in **32 incidents during FY 2008.** This represents a decrease from FY 2007.
 - ◆ Vehicle assaults against Border Patrol Agents totaled 60 for FY 2008 and represents the highest number of vehicle assaults against agents when compared to FY 2007 (56) and FY 2006 (49).
 - ◆ The San Diego sector sustained **the largest increase in assaults for FY 2008 (48%)** when compared to FY 2007.
 - ◆ **The Yuma sector experienced the largest decrease for FY 2008 (56%)** when compared to FY 2007.
- There were 227 assaults against CBP Officers at the Ports of Entry (PoE) in FY 2008 as compared 85 in FY 2007, an **increase of 167%.**
- There were a total of **147 incursions at and between the Ports of Entry for all CBP components for FY 2008 when compared to 32 incursions for FY 2007. This represents an increase of 359%.**

Office of Border Patrol

Incidents of Violence Between the Ports of Entry

- The number of assaults against Border Patrol Agents for FY 2008 were 1,097, an increase of 11% from FY 2007 (987). There was a 46% increase in assaults in FY 2008, when compared to FY 2006 (752).
- Of the 1,097 total assaults against BP Agents during FY 2008, 1,085 (99%) occurred on the southwest border.

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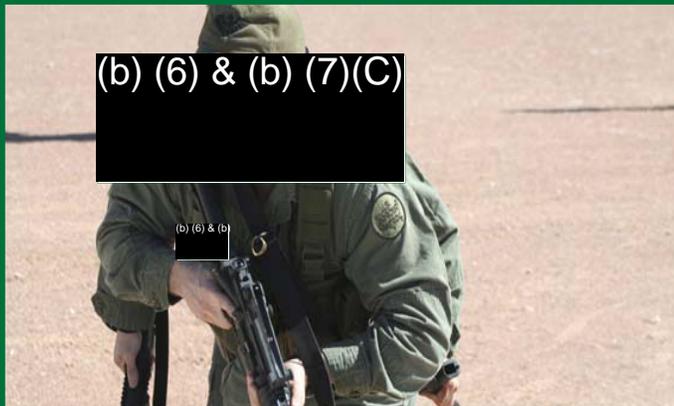
- In FY 2008, the San Diego sector saw a 48% increase in assaults when compared to FY 2007.
- The Yuma sector, by percentage (56%), experienced the largest decrease for FY 2008 when compared to FY 2007.



Assaults Against Border Patrol Agents



- The majority (93%) of the assaults were:
 - Rockings (70%)
 - Physical assaults (13%)
 - Vehicle assaults (6%)
 - Weapon assaults (suspect shootings) (4%)

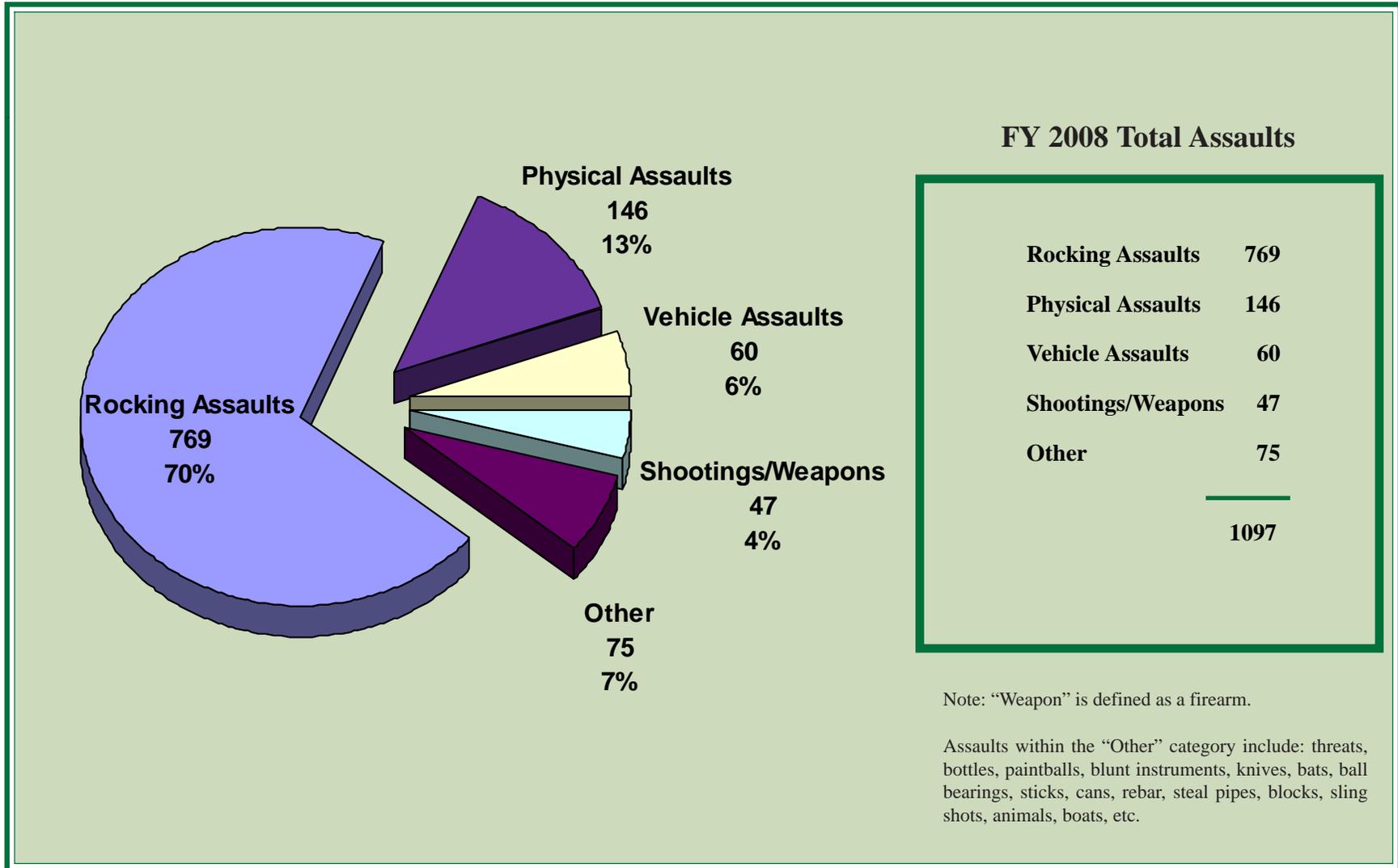


Agent Involved Shootings FY 2008



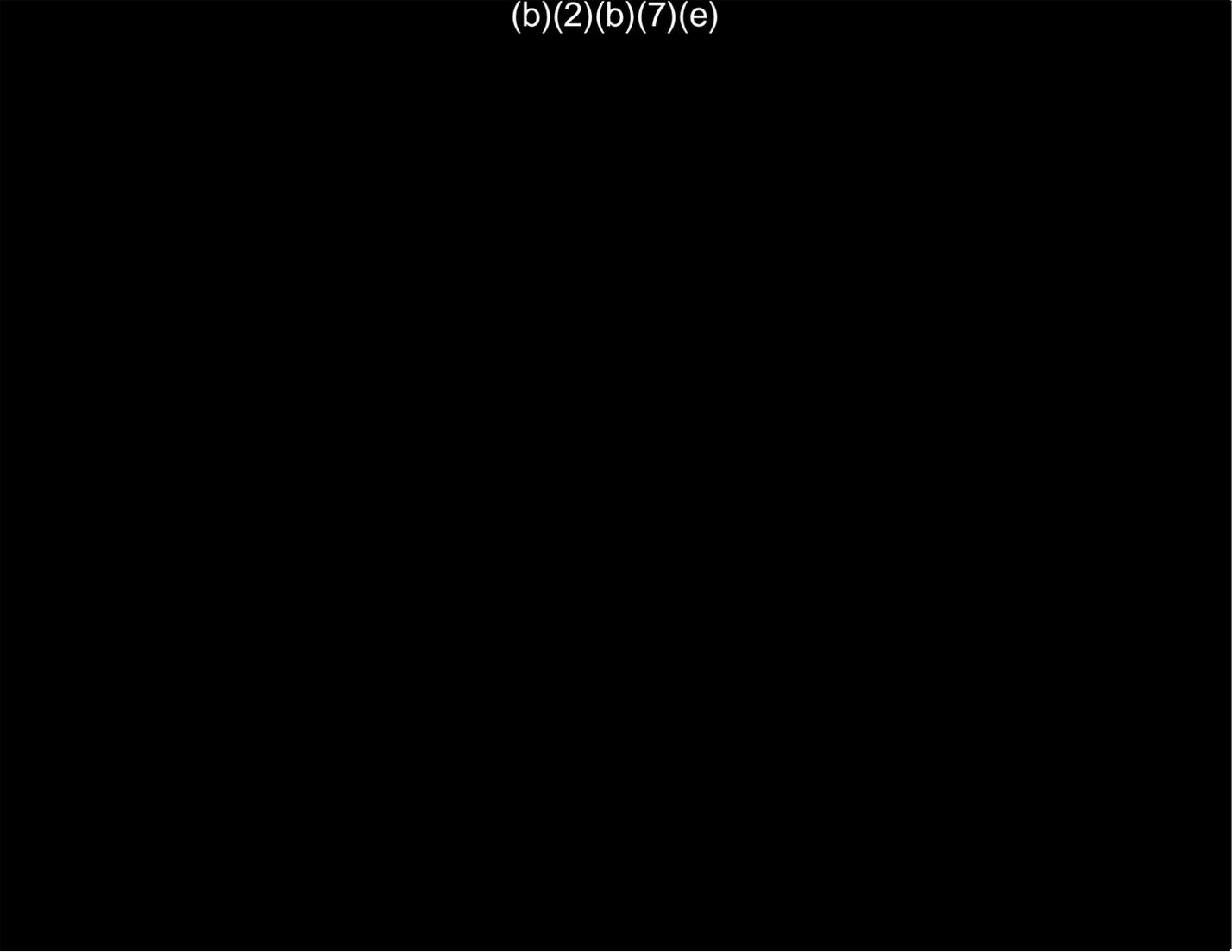
Of the 1,097 assaults in FY 2008, agents had to defend themselves by discharging their firearm on thirty-two separate occasions (31 on SWB).

Assaults by Category



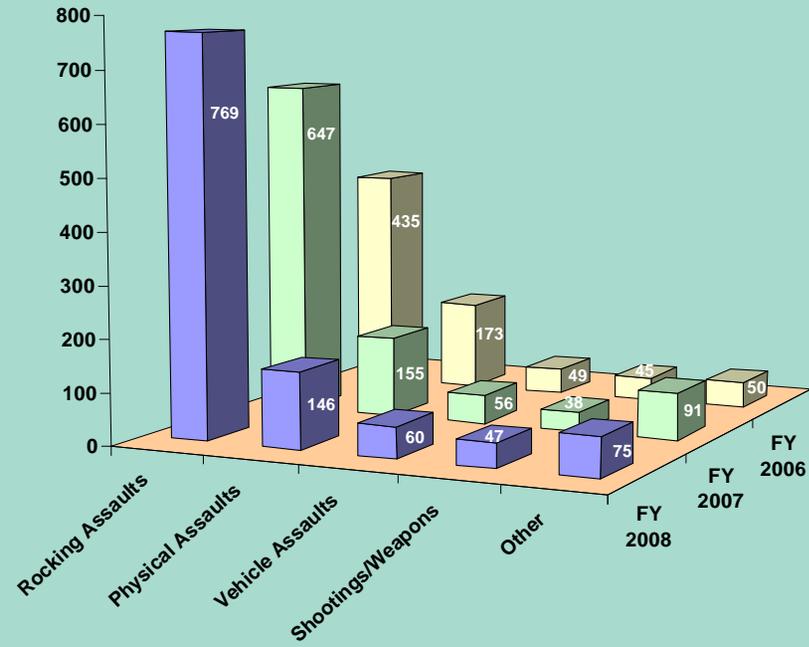
Assaults on Border Patrol Agents

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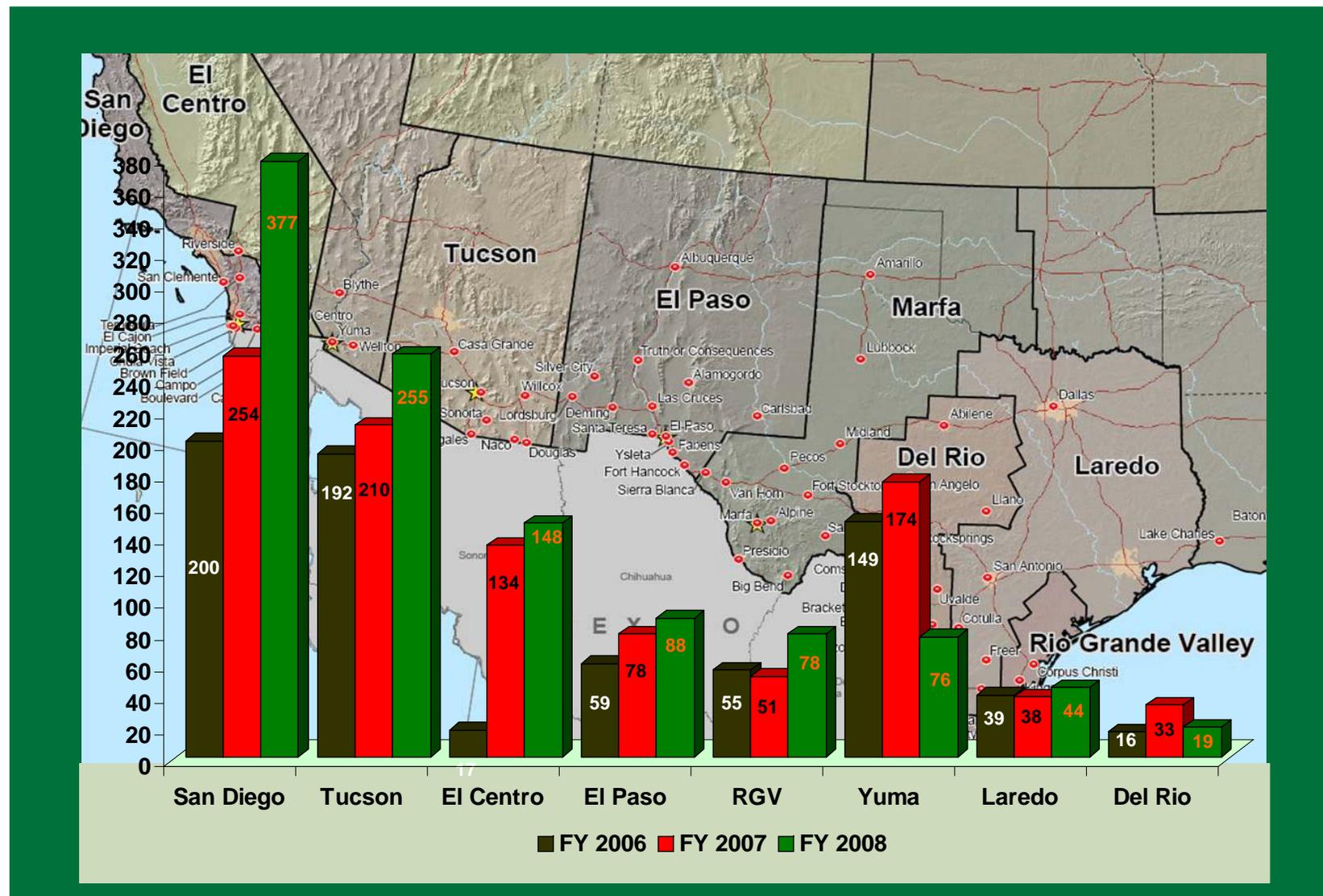


Assaults on Border Patrol Agents – Comparative Analysis

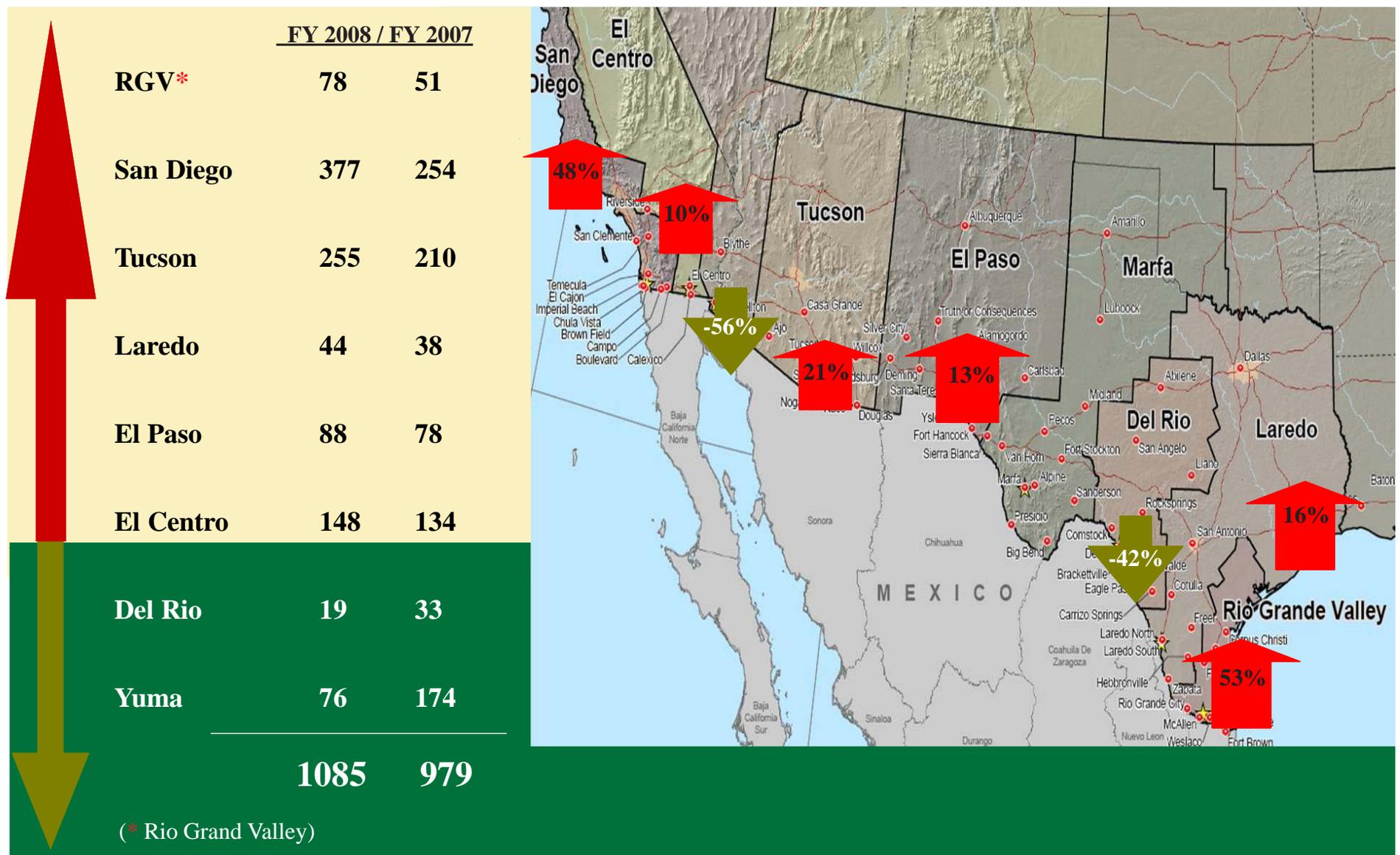
Three Year Comparison	FY 2008	Up / Down	% Change	FY 2007	Up / Down	% Change	FY 2006
Rocking Assaults	769	122	19%	647	334	77%	435
Physical Assaults	146	-9	-6%	155	-27	-16%	173
Vehicle Assaults	60	4	7%	56	11	22%	49
Shooting/Weapons	47	9	24%	38	2	4%	45
Other	75	-16	-18%	91	25	50%	50
Total Assaults	1097	110	11%	987	345	46%	752



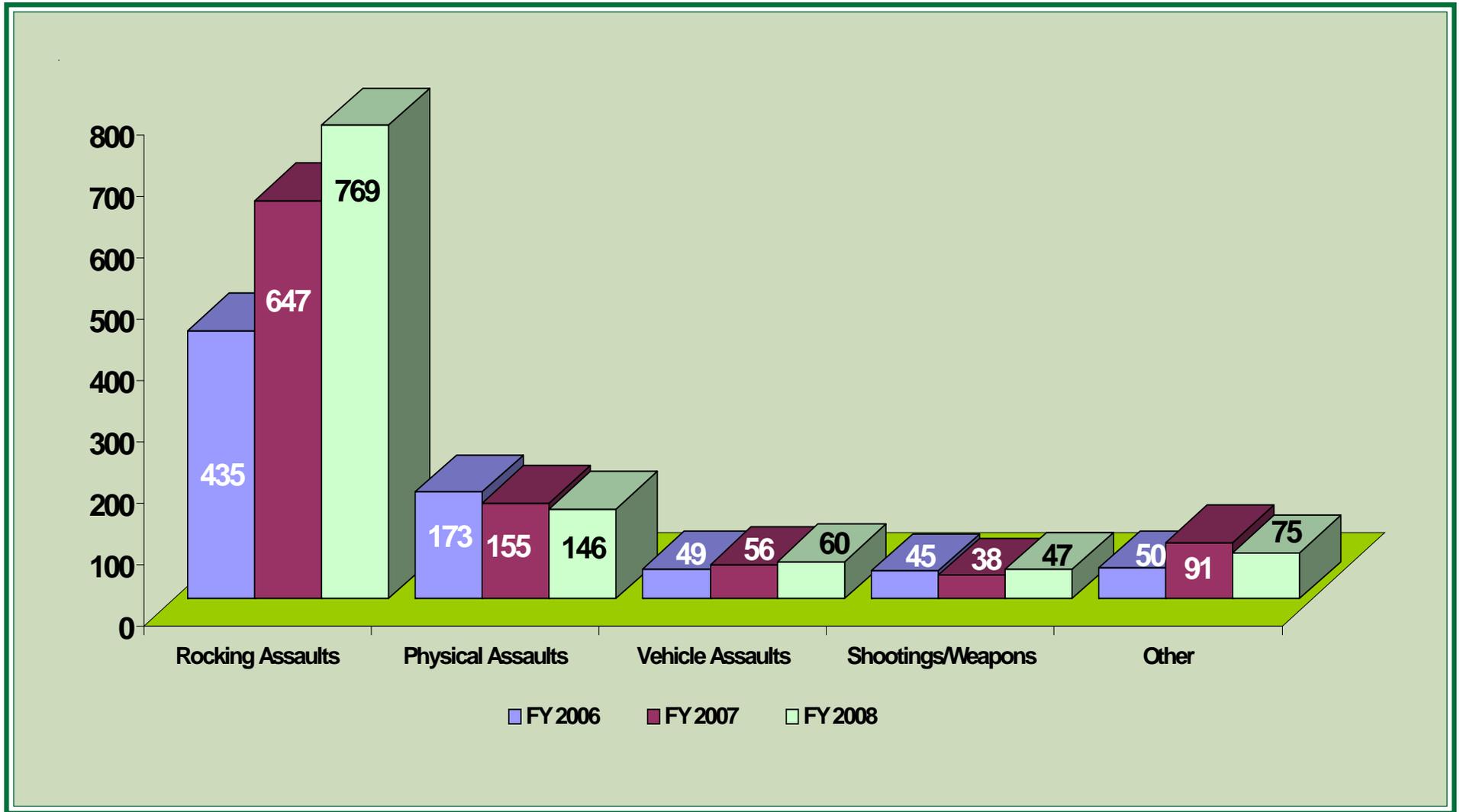
Assaults on BP Agents – Southwest Border Comparative Analysis



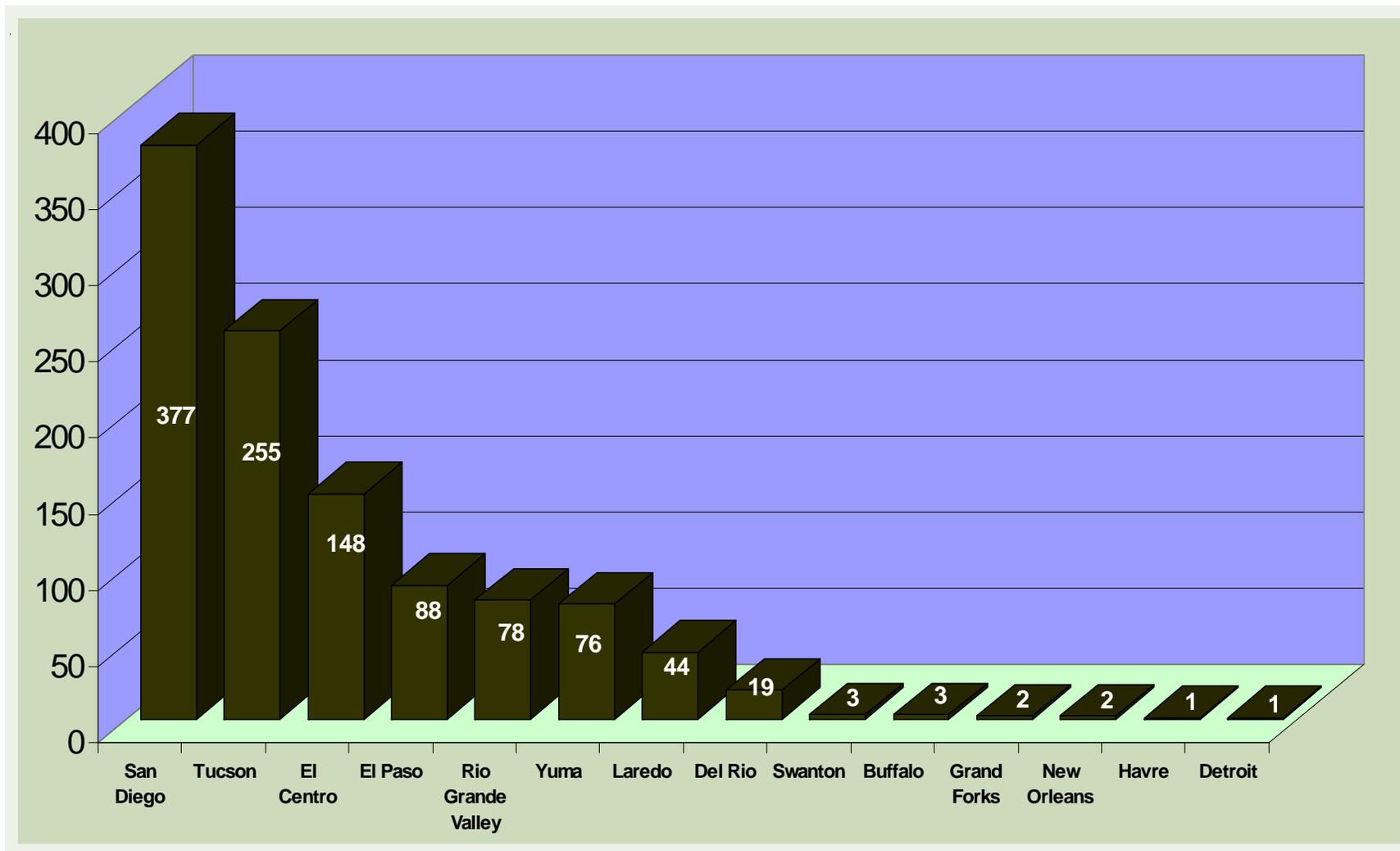
Assaults on Border Patrol Agents - Southwest Sectors



Assault Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006, 2007, and 2008

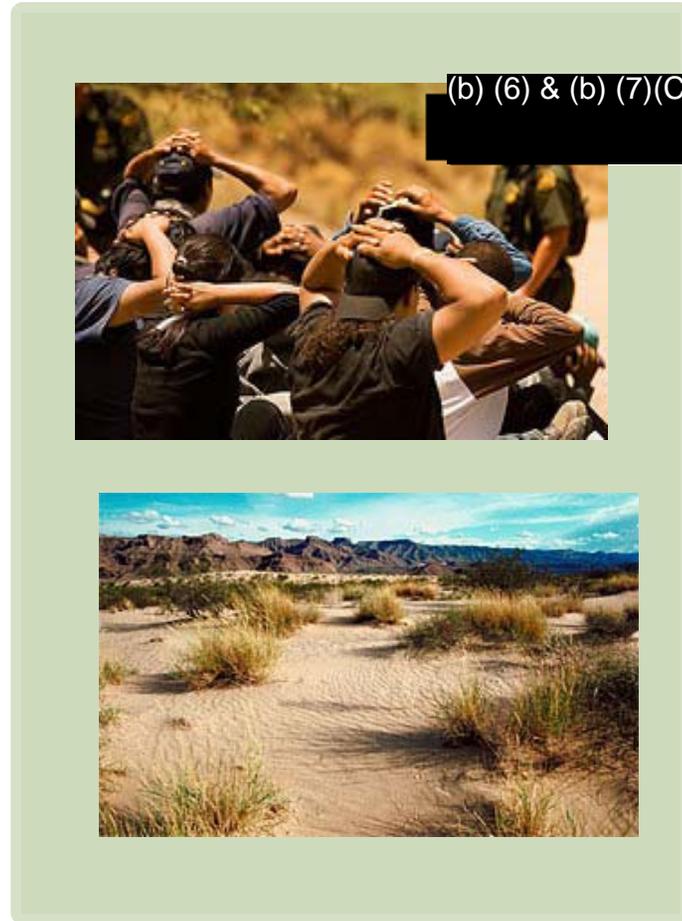


Assault Totals Graphed by Sector (1,097)



FY 2008 Criminal Assaults Against Aliens

Alien Assault Incidents FY 08	1 st QTR	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4th Qtr
Armed Robbery	4	1	1	1
Assault/Robbery	1		0	0
Robbery	1	6	3	0
<u>San Diego Sector</u>	6	7	4	1
Armed Robbery	1		0	1
Sexual Assault	1		0	0
Kidnapping			2	0
Robbery		2	0	0
<u>El Centro Sector</u>	2	2	2	1
Armed Robbery	3		0	0
Robbery		4	0	0
<u>Yuma Sector</u>	3	4	0	0
Shooting	2	1	0	0
Kidnapping	1		1	1
Sexual Assault	1		2	0
Robbery		7	9	1
Armed Robbery		1	0	11
Murder				1
Assault				1
Kidnapping/Assault/Robbery				2
Assault/Robbery		1	1	0
<u>Tucson Sector</u>	4	10	13	17
Assault/Robbery	2		0	0
Kidnapping	1		0	0
Armed Robbery		2	1	4
Robbery/Attempted Rape		1	0	0
Shooting				2
Carjacking				1
Assault		1	0	0
<u>El Paso Sector</u>	3	4	1	7
Robbery		1	1	0
<u>Marfa Sector</u>	0	0	1	0
Assault	1		0	0
Armed Robbery		3	0	0
Robbery		1	0	0
<u>Del Rio Sector</u>	1	4	0	0
Rape		1	0	0
Robbery		1	0	0
<u>Laredo Sector</u>	0	2	0	0
Assault/Robbery	1		0	0
Rape				0
Kidnapping				0
Sexual Assault	1	1	1	1
<u>Rio Grande Valley Sector</u>	2	1	1	1
TOTAL	21	34	22	27
<i>Alien Assault Yearly Total</i>				104



Data Source: Significant Incident Reports – BPETS; *Fiscal Year data through September 30, 2008



FY 2008 Criminal Assaults Against Aliens (Cont)

San Diego	18
El Centro	7
Yuma	7
Tucson	44
El Paso	15
Marfa	1
Del Rio	5
Laredo	2
Rio Grande Valley	5
Total:	104

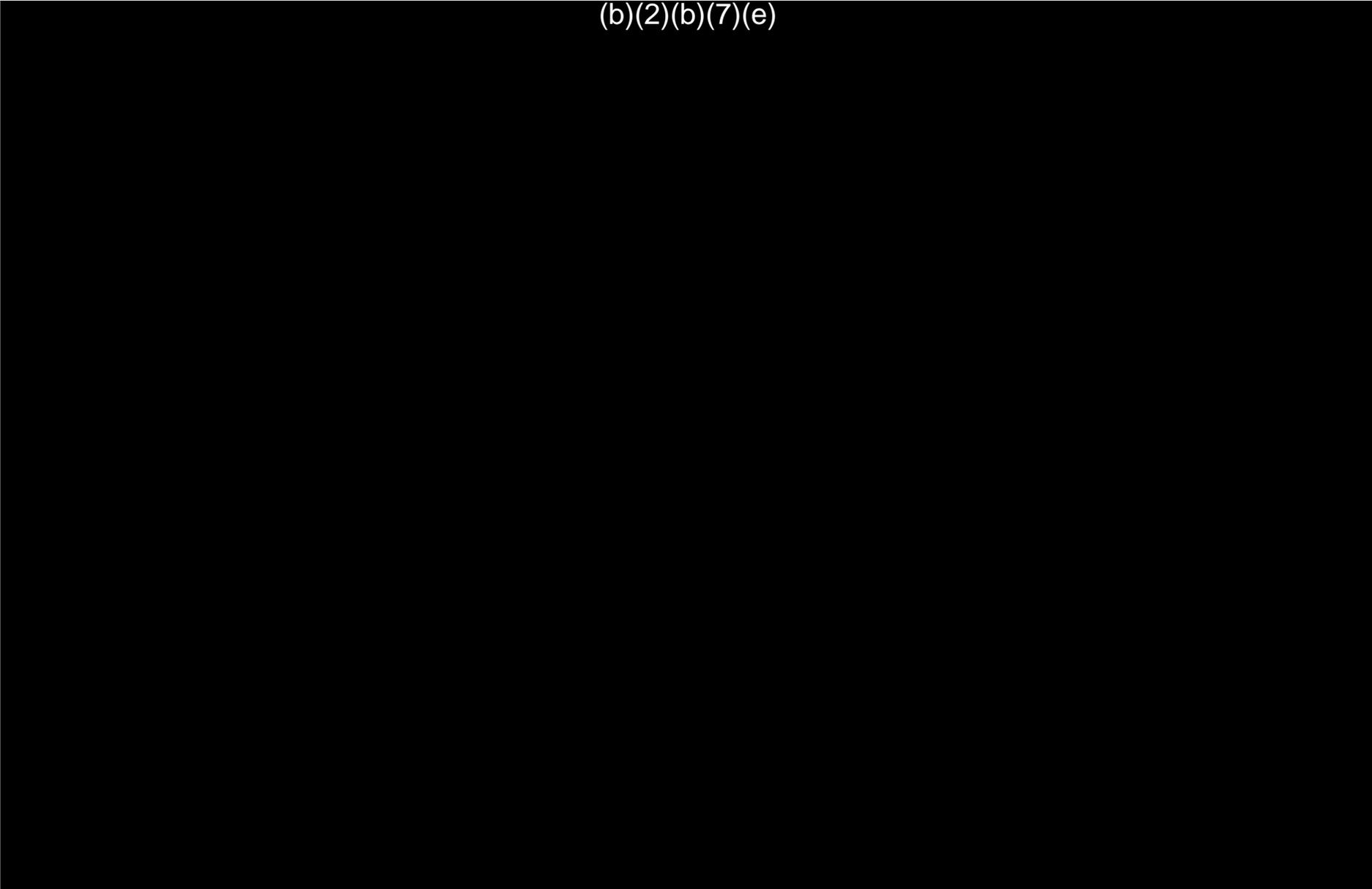
- In FY 2008, there were 104 reported incidents involving aliens assaulted, robbed, and/or kidnapped while attempting to illegally cross the border, as compared to 193 during FY 2007, a decrease in reporting of 89 or -46%. (Each incident may have involved multiple aliens). The assailants in these incidents are commonly referred to as “bandits”, but may also be foot guides or smugglers.
- Of the 104 reported incidents in FY 2008, there were 9 reported sexual assaults against female illegal aliens by foot guides, smugglers, or bandits. All of the incidents were referred to local authorities for investigation and/or the appropriate consulate was notified.
- The largest increases in alien assaults occurred in the Tucson Sector. The Tucson sector reported the highest number of alien assaults for the last three reporting periods and overall recorded 58% of all alien assaults for FY 2008.

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Assaults Against Aliens & Agents - Southwest Border

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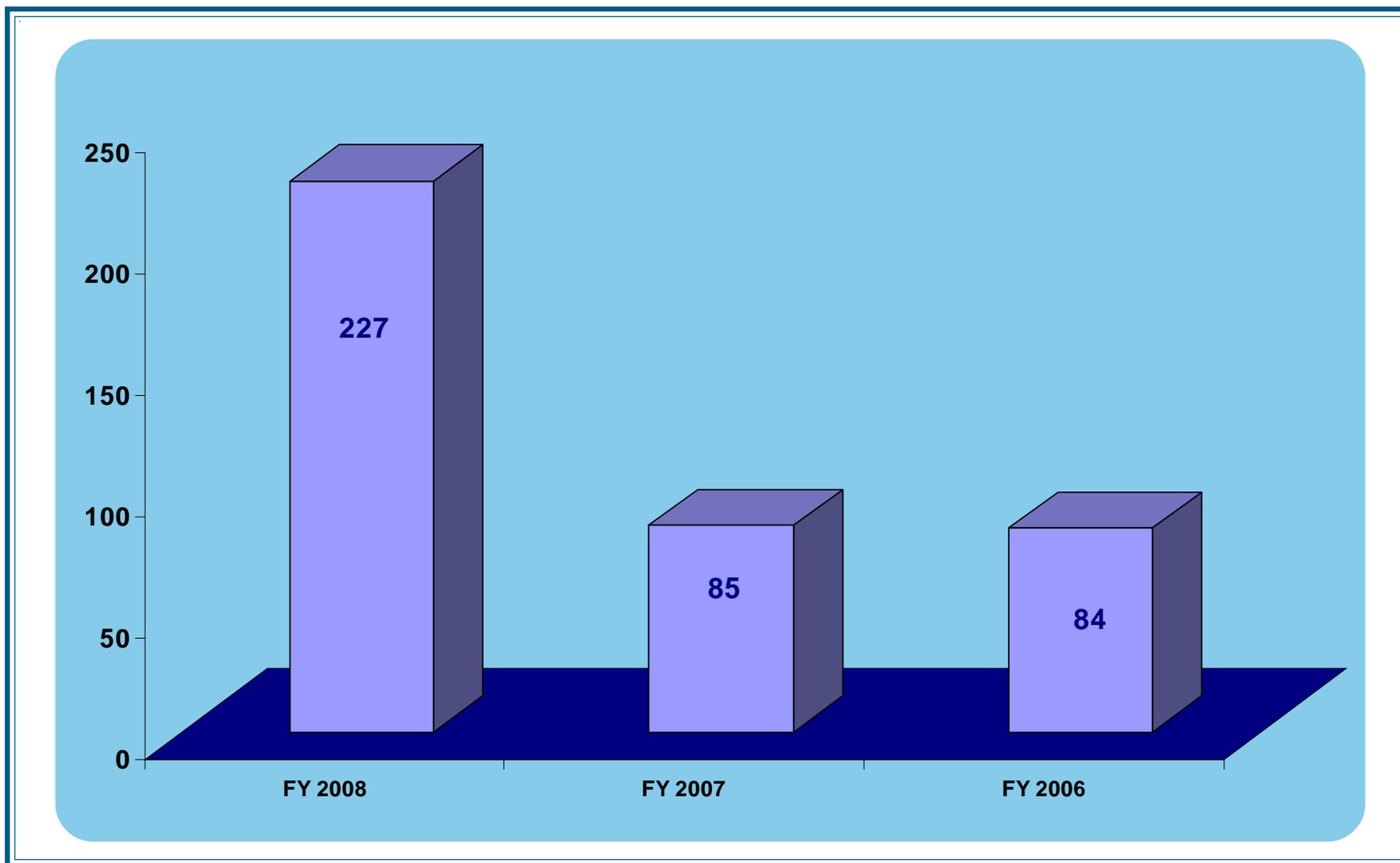
Office of Field Operations

Assaults & Incidents of Violence Summary

- Office of Field Operations defines violent incidents as physical threats or elevated use of force occurring in reaction to a legitimate or perceived threat to OFO personnel.
- Along with physical assaults, violent incidents may involve:
 - The use or intended use of a deadly weapon.
 - A vehicle operated in a manner with capacity to injure or inflict harm.
- There were 227 assaults and 21 incursions that were reported by the Ports of Entry (POEs) in FY 2008.
- The number of reported assaults against CBP Officers for **FY 2008** increased **167%**. There were 132 additional incidents reported by the Field Offices which occurred in and around the POEs, but were not direct assaults against CBP Officers.
- The vast majority of assaults, 196 (86%), against CBP Officers occurred on the southwest border for FY 2008. This represents an **increase of 176% for FY 2008** southwest border incident reporting (*FY 2007 there were 71 incidents*).

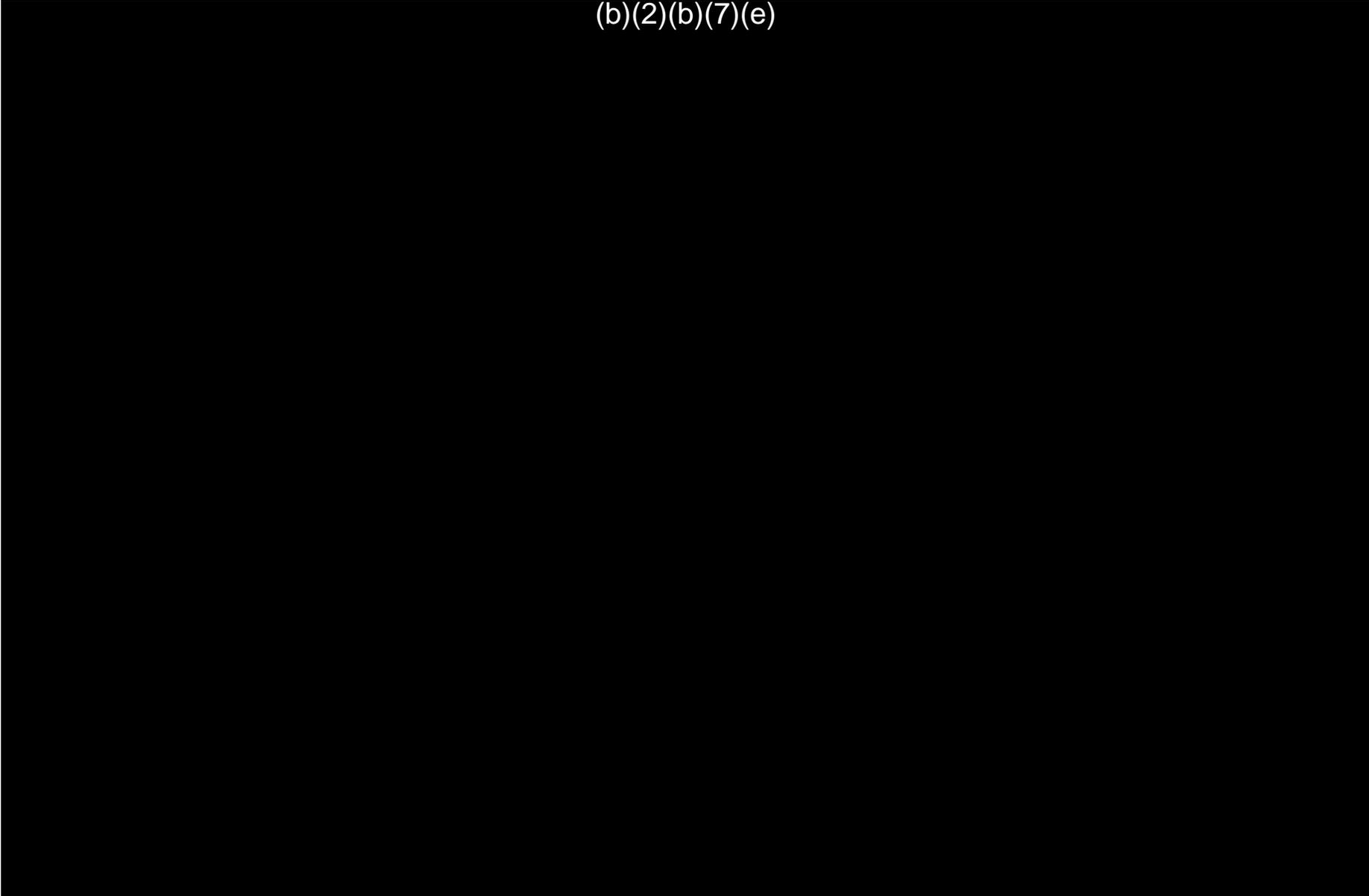


Assault on CBP Officers - Comparative Analysis



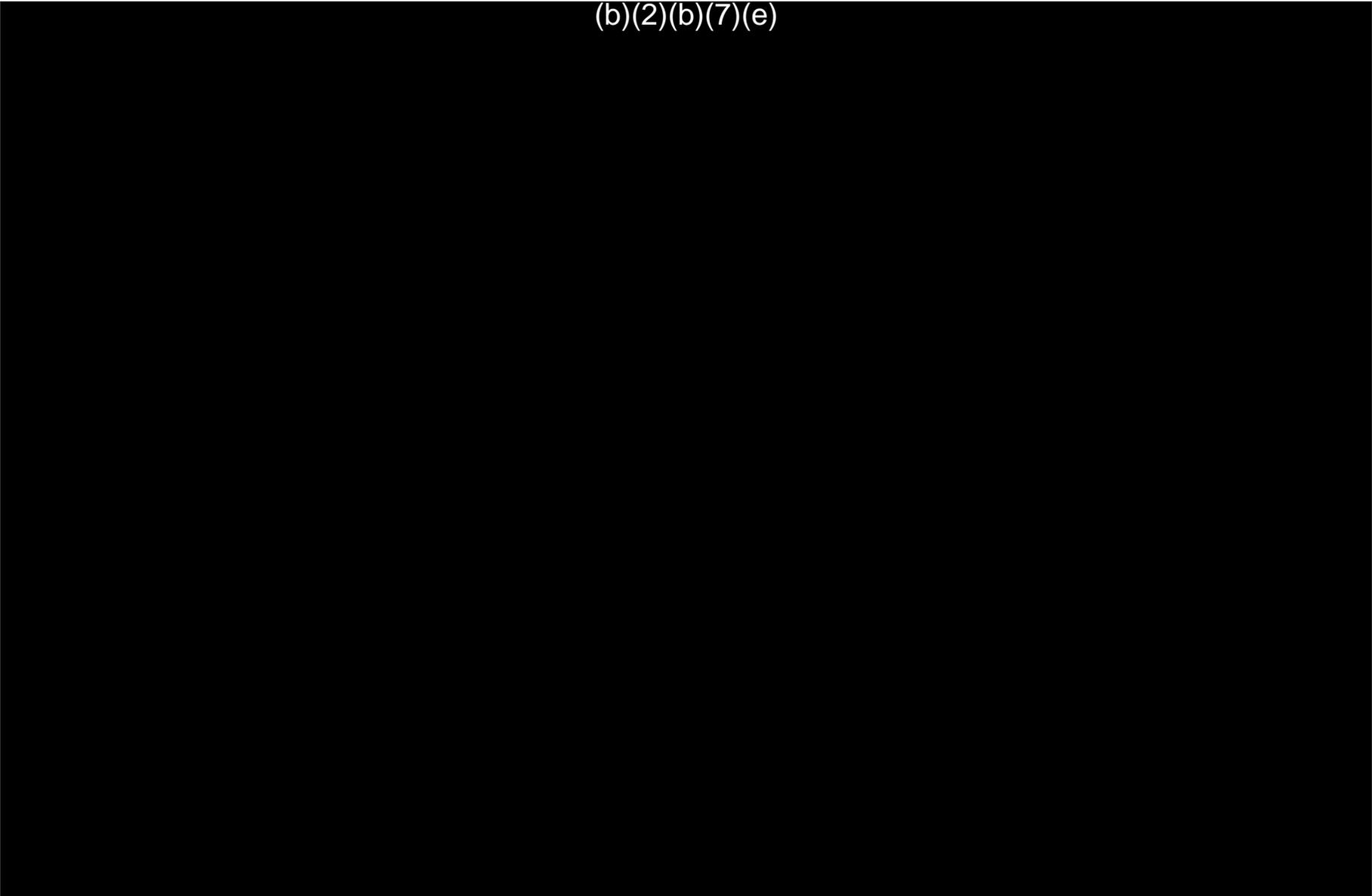
Assaults by Type and Location - Including port runners

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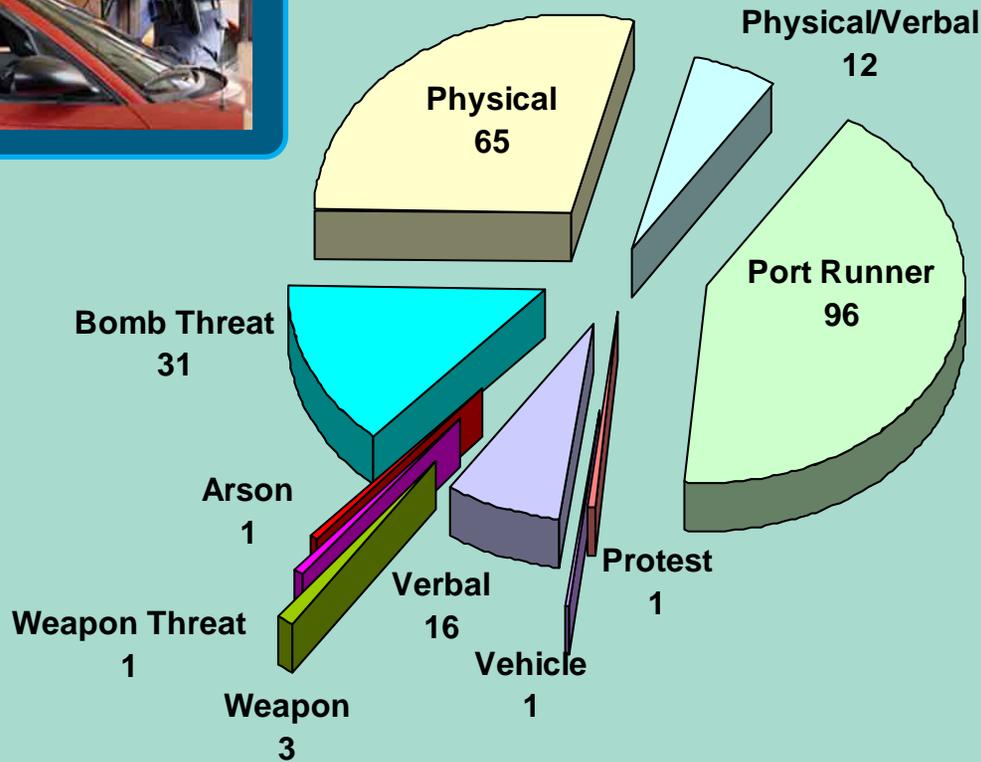
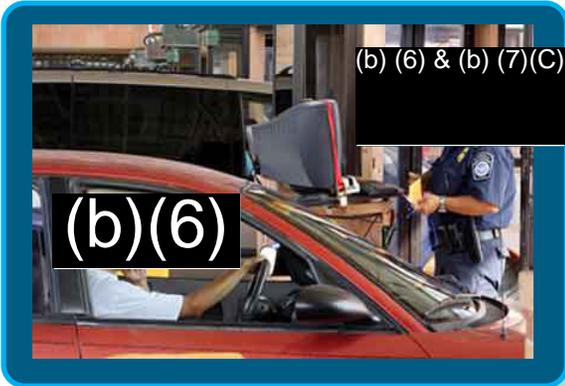


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Assaults Types Reported

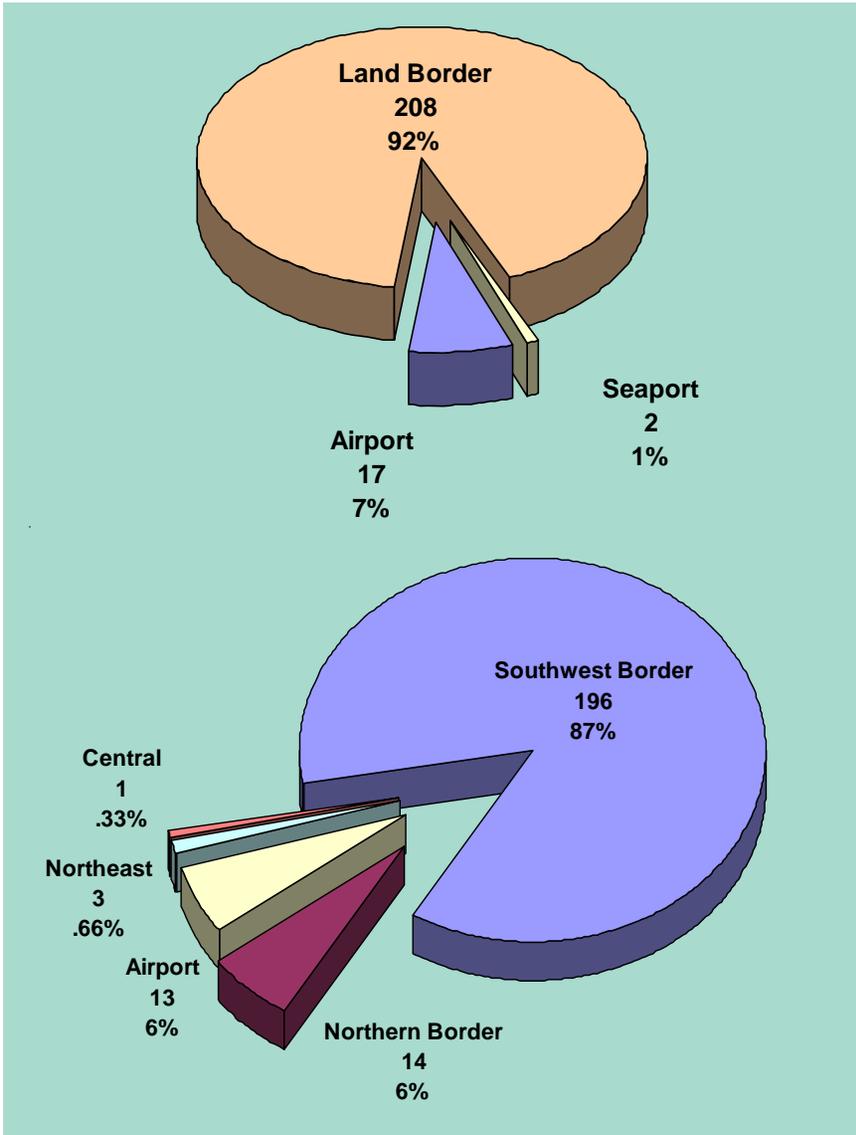


Assault Type	
Arson	1
Bomb Threat	31
Physical	65
Physical/Verbal	12
Port Runner	96
Protest	1
Vehicle	1
Verbal	16
Weapon	3
Weapon Threat	1
Total:	227

There were additional incidents reported by the Field Offices which occurred in and around the POEs, but were not direct assaults against CBP Officers.



Assaults by Mode & Region



Mode

Land Border	208
Airport	17
Seaport	2
Grand Total	227

Region

Southwest Border	196
Northern Border	14
Airport	13
Northeast	3
Central	1
Grand Total	227



Assaults and Incidents by Port of Entry

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CBP Air and Marine

Incidents of Violence Against CBP Air and Marine



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There was only one incident of violence reported by CBP Air and Marine for FY 2008

Foreign Incursions

Incidents of Foreign Incursions Across CBP

A Foreign Government Incursion is an unauthorized crossing of the international border by individuals who are, or appear to be, foreign government personnel, whether intentional or unintentional. The majority of foreign government land incursions are perpetrated by Mexican law enforcement officers.

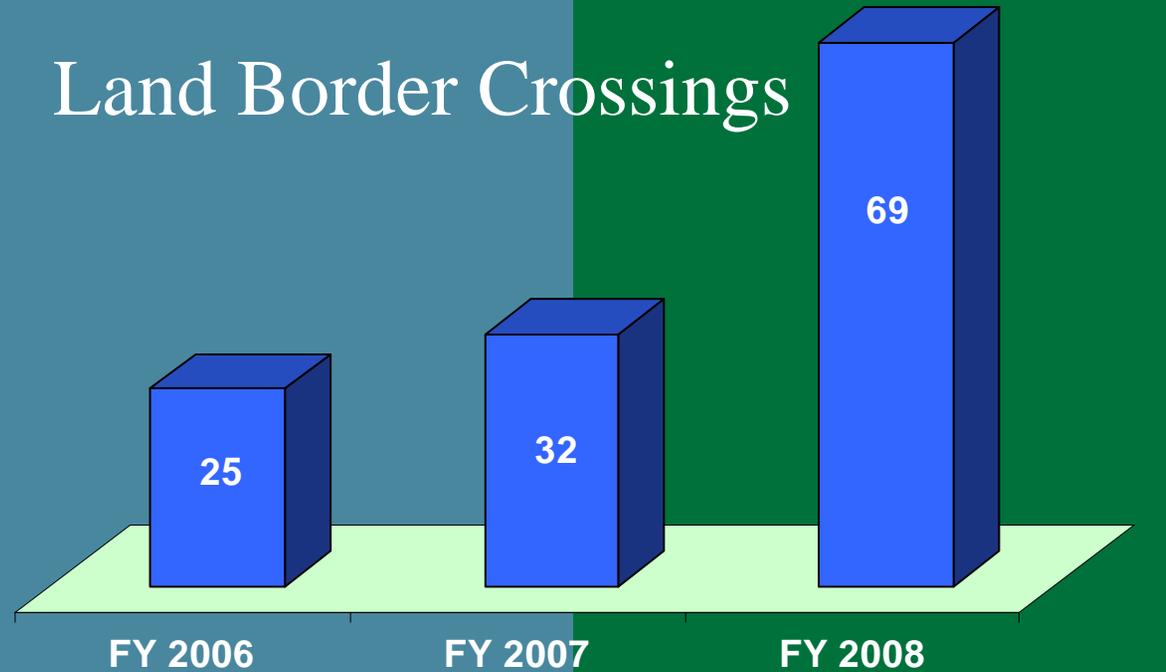
- **Foreign Incursions:** There were a total of 147 incursions reported for FY 2008, in comparison to 32 for FY 2007, resulting in an overall increase of 359%.
 - **Foreign Government Incursions:** There were a total of 69 reported land border incursions for FY 2008. All land border incursions for FY 2008 occurred on the southwest border, with 46 reported by Border Patrol and 23 reported by the Office of Field Operations.
 - **Air Incursions:** There were a total of 78 air incursions for FY 2008, in comparison to one during FY 2007. Fourty-seven incursions occurred on the southwest border for FY 2008. (b)(2)(b)(7)(e) In addition, there were 31, northern border air incursions.



Incidents of Foreign Incursions - Land Border Crossings



Land Border Crossings



Incidents of Foreign Incursions by CBP Operational Offices

CBP Air & Marine

Mexican Government Air Incursions	
Arizona	7
California	10
New Mexico	2
Texas	22
Total MX Government Air Incursions	41

Southwest Border Air Incursions	
Yuma	1
Arizona	1
California	3
Texas	1
Total Southwest Border Air Incursions	6

Northern Border Air Incursions	
Idaho	7
Maine	1
Minnesota	1
Montana	5
Vermont	3
Washington	14
Total Northern Border Air Incursions	31

OFO

Mexican Government Incursions	
Brownsville	2
El Paso	1
Laredo	5
Lukeville	1
Mariposa	1
Nogales	2
Otay Mesa	2
San Diego	2
San Ysidro	3
Tucson	3
Yuma	1
Total MX Government Incursions	23

BP

Mexican Government Incursions	
El Centro	7
El Paso	10
Laredo	2
Rio Grande Valley	8
San Diego	4
Tucson	5
Yuma	10
Total MX Government Incursions	46



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