

CBP Busts Meth Breakfast Cereal Smuggling Attempt

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Customs and Border Protection has thwarted a large drug smuggling attempt in Texas. CBP officers in the Lone Star State discovered a tractor trailer filled with cereal ingredients. More than \$10.3 million in alleged methamphetamine was found hidden inside the cereal bags.

“Our front-line CBP officers shut down a significant meth smuggling attempt hidden within ingredients that shouldn’t grace anyone’s breakfast table,” Port Director for the Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas Port of Entry Carlos Rodriguez said.



Cereal bags conceal packages of methamphetamine.

“As this seizure perfectly illustrates, our officers continue to use their inspections skills and technological tools to prevent this poison from reaching American streets,” Rodriguez added.

The bust took place on Dec. 12 at Pharr International Bridge in Pharr, Texas, along the border of Mexico and 160 miles south of Laredo. The driver of the tractor

trailer was attempting to enter the U.S. from Mexico and was carrying what was presented to be a commercial shipment of oat flax, according to CBP.

CBP used “nonintrusive inspection equipment” and canines to inspect the tractor trailer. During a “physical inspection,” agents found “64 packages of alleged methamphetamine with a combined weight of 1,156.32 pounds (524.50 kg) concealed within the shipment of oat flakes.”

CBP’s Office of Field Operations seized the tractor trailer and the narcotics.

During fiscal year 2025, CBP seized 170,000 pounds of methamphetamine, 55,000 pounds of which was seized at ports of entry in the Laredo Field Office. During fiscal year 2024, CBP seized 174,000 pounds of methamphetamine at U.S. ports and along the borders, up from 140,000 pounds in fiscal year 2023.

Criminal cartels have continued to attempt to smuggle drugs into the U.S. as President Donald Trump has acted to secure America’s southern border and stop the flow of illegal aliens and drugs into the U.S.

Under the Biden administration, the criminal cartels began making more money smuggling people into the U.S. than they could make smuggling drugs, according to immigration officials. Even before Trump returned to office in January, immigration experts predicted Trump’s plan to secure the border and end the parole of illegal aliens into the U.S. would lead the cartels to change business models and rely more heavily on drug smuggling, especially through ports. Furthermore, immigration officials credit the uptick in drug seizures to Border Patrol agents no longer spending time processing illegal aliens, but on patrol in the field instead.

“We know for a fact that less drugs are crossing our border, but we watch our seizures go up, and so … during the previous four years, those large seizures we’re seeing were the large seizures that weren’t happening, and they were getting to the United States, and they were infecting our communities,” U.S. Border Patrol Chief Michael Banks said at a recent press conference in Washington, D.C.