

Human Rights First Tracker of Reported Attacks During the Biden Administration Against Asylum Seekers and Migrants Who Are Stranded in and/or Expelled to Mexico

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2/16/2021	threats	2	A Honduran woman and her 4-year-old son, who had been returned to Mexico under MPP, were threatened by her ex-partner who is member of MS-13 in January and February 2021. He told her the gang is looking for her in Mexico. He threatened to kill her and kidnap her son. In late February 2021, CBP denied the family parole and refused to provide them an MPP fear of Mexico screening interview.	Human Rights First communication with Margaret Cargioli, Immigrant Defenders Law Center
2/16/2021	attempted kidnapping, assault	3	In February 2021, an asylum-seeking family returned to Mexico under MPP were attacked while buying diapers by men who tried to kidnap their 2-year-old child. The father managed to hold on to the son, and the kidnappers drove off. The father went to report the kidnapping to the police, but an officer told them not be out that late at night.	Human Rights First communication with Margaret Cargioli, Immigrant Defenders Law Center
2/26/2021	kidnapping	2	DHS expelled a Guatemalan woman and her son to Ciudad Juarez in mid-February 2021, where they had been kidnapped soon after arriving in early February. They had been held in a house for days without food or water.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
3/5/2021	kidnapping	2	Un niño y su madre fueron privados de la libertad en el campamento migrante instalado en las inmediaciones del cruce fronterizo El Chaparral, acusó José Luis Pérez Canchola, director de Atención al Migrante en el ayuntamiento de Tijuana.	https://www.milenio.com/estados/reportan-secuestro-mujer-hijo-migrantes-campamento-tijuana
3/22/2021	kidnapping, rape	1	A woman expelled by DHS to Reynosa in February 2021, “who had tried to take a taxi to a friend’s house [was] kidnapped and raped.”	https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-03-22/hundreds-of-migrants-cross-this-stretch-of-the-rio-grande-nightly
3/23/2021	assault, robbery	1	A Honduran asylum seeker who has been blocked in Tijuana with his family for months unable to seek protection at the port of entry was assault and robbed in Tijuana in February 2021.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
3/23/2021	assault	1	A Haitian asylum seeker blocked from seeking asylum due to the Title 42 policy reported that he had been assaulted by a group of Mexican men in late January 2021. The men asked him for money and when he told them that he was a migrant and had no work, they beat him.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
3/23/2021	assault	3	Dos menores de edad y un adulto, que viajaban como migrantes, resultaron heridos tras una agresión a balazos en la entrada a la ciudad de Reynosa, Tamaulipas, cuando iban de aventón en una camioneta.	https://www.excelsior.com.mx/nacional/atacan-a-balazos-a-migrantes-en-reynosa/1439435
3/26/2021	kidnapping	4	DHS expelled a Salvadoran asylum-seeking family with two little girls to Tijuana after they crossed the border near Reynosa to seek asylum even though the family had previously been kidnapped in Mexico in early March 2021. The kidnappers threatened to kill the children and sell their organs, if they failed to pay the ransom demanded.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
3/27/2021	kidnapping	37	Policías Estatales de Tamaulipas rescataron a 37 migrantes en Matamoros, que llevaban secuestrados 15 días. Entre los rescatados se encuentran 30 adultos y 7 niños, cuyas nacionalidades no fueron especificadas aunque todas son diferentes.	https://www.reporteindigo.com/reporte/rescatan-a-37-migrantes-secuestrados-en-tamaulipas/
4/2/2021	threat, robbery	1	A Haitian asylum seeker in the Tijuana tent encampment waiting for asylum processing to be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that in late March 2021, a man threatened to hit with a rock and tried to steal a backpack of his personal belongings.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/3/2021	assault	1	A Honduran asylum seeker in the Tijuana tent encampment waiting for asylum processing to be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that Mexican men he'd believed to be gang members had asked him to sell drugs in the camp and had beat him up when he refused.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker

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4/5/2021	threats	1	An African asylum seeker in the Tijuana tent encampment waiting for asylum processing to be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that in response to the African asylum seeker speaking out about racism against Black migrants in the camp, a Mexican man took pictures of him and made threatening remarks to him on several occasions.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/6/2021	threats	1	A Honduran asylum seeker in the Tijuana tent encampment waiting for asylum processing to be restored at U.S. ports of entry reported that Mexican men he'd believed to be gang members threatened him multiple times; telling him they had "eyes on him," to "watch his back," and warning him not to talk to anyone outside the camp.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/8/2021	rape, kidnapping, assault, extortion	423	Asylum seekers from Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela, and Yemen blocked from seeking U.S. asylum due to Title 42 reported having been the victim of an attack or attempted attack in Mexico in the last month in a survey by Al Otro Lado conducted between February 21 and April 8, 2021.	Human Rights First review of Al Otro Lado survey data
4/8/2021	kidnapping, threats	2	A Honduran asylum seeker and her 6-year-old child were expelled to Mexico by CBP in March 2021 even though the family had been kidnapped in Mexico in early March 2021. They managed to escape the kidnappers but were pursued by a man in a car after the escaped who threatened to kill them.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/9/2021	kidnapping	2	Wilton and his mother, Meylin, 30, crossed the border into Texas last month to seek asylum after fleeing their native Nicaragua. But they were immediately sent back to Mexico under Title 42, a pandemic-era policy that expels migrants who cross the border without allowing them to apply for protection. Hours after being expelled to northern Mexico, they were kidnapped, according to Misael Obregon, Meylin's brother, who lives in Miami. Misael received a call from the kidnappers. They wanted \$10,000 to release Meylin and Wilton. "They threaten to hurt them both, or worse," Misael Obregon said. "These people are capable of anything." Misael could come up with only \$5,000. He sent the cash through a money transfer company. The kidnappers agreed to release Wilton, but not his mother. The smugglers then abandoned Wilton after leading him across the border, leaving him to wander through the arid farmland of South Texas looking for assistance, until he found the Border Patrol agent who recorded his encounter with the boy. Meylin remains in the custody of kidnappers. She called Misael Obregon on Friday morning, crying after seeing the video of her bleary-eyed son. The Nicaraguan government on Friday identified Wilton as being the boy in the video, but it did not mention the kidnapping. It said Nicaraguan police had interviewed the boy's father, who confirmed that Meylin had told him in their last conversation that she and Wilton were preparing to cross the border together because they were "in danger."	https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2021/04/09/migrant-boy-found-wandering-alone-texas-had-been-deported-kidnapped/
4/18/2021	threats	1	In one recent case, a man who turned up at the shelter said he had been pressured by drug traffickers to carry a load across the border. "The drug cartel was trying to force him to carry drugs, and he refused," Williams said. "He wanted to give the Border Patrol information." According to Williams, the man was told that would take too much time because it involved filing a police report. He was expelled.	https://theintercept.com/2021/04/18/biden-border-patrol-asylum-title-42/

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4/18/2021	assault, robbery, threats	1	Esmerelda was not a new arrival. She and her family came to Nogales in November 2019, fleeing violence and persecution in their home state of Guerrero... In the past couple months, la mafia has assaulted her husband twice, she told me, robbing him, stealing his phone, telling him that if speaks up he will be murdered.	https://theintercept.com/2021/04/18/biden-border-patrol-asylum-title-42/
4/20/2021	kidnapping	3	Nine- and fourteen-year-old Honduran children were kidnapped with their asylum-seeking mother in Monterrey in March 2021 after CBP expelled them three times since December 2020. The family had relocated to Monterrey in hope of finding assistance while they waited to be able to seek asylum in the United States. Instead, they were kidnapped, held for ransom for days with other kidnapping victims who appeared to have been drugged, and eventually released near the border. Border Patrol agents, who found the family near McAllen, detained them for four days before transferring them to California where they were expelled to danger for a fourth time.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	rape	1	In February 2021, a Guatemalan woman who had been expelled by CBP to Mexicali after attempting to seek asylum was raped in Tijuana. The woman, who was fleeing severe domestic violence with her six-year-old daughter, had relocated to Tijuana to attempt to seek asylum at the San Ysidro port of entry, which she found closed to asylum seekers due to the Trump and Biden administrations' misuse of Title 42. The woman reported to Human Rights First that Border Patrol agents told her that "the new president isn't taking anyone" and that she should present herself "legally" even though ports of entry were, and remain, closed to asylum seekers in violation of U.S. law, which guarantees access to asylum to individuals who cross the border away from a port of entry.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	3	In late February 2021, a Guatemalan family with a six-year-old child was abducted at a bus station in Piedras Negras shortly after Border Patrol agents expelled them to Mexico. They were held by their captors for five days while their family members in Guatemala and the United States were extorted. The couple had fled Guatemala with their child after the husband was attacked and nearly killed, according to an academic researcher who spoke with Human Rights First.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping, assault	3	In February 2021, a Honduran man and two other expelled migrants were abducted at gunpoint, forced into a cemetery, and attacked immediately after the Border Patrol expelled them to Nogales at 11pm. According to Kino Border Initiative, the men were searching for shelter for the night when they were attacked. They had been expelled by the Border Patrol with a group of more than 40 people from Central America and Mexico.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	1	Multiple asylum seekers reported that a woman flown from Texas and expelled to Mexico was kidnapped in March 2021 just outside of a shelter in Tijuana housing hundreds of expelled families. The pastor running the shelter has instructed families not to leave the shelter for their safety.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	2	CBP expelled a 15-year-old Guatemalan boy and his asylum-seeking mother to Ciudad Juárez where they had been kidnapped in February 2021. The woman told Human Rights First researchers that when she tried to explain the danger she faced, U.S. immigration officers told her that they didn't care because "the president is not giving political asylum to anyone." CBP expelled the family to dangerous Ciudad Juárez at night during a snowstorm after they were held in CBP custody for days without food or water.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum

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4/20/2021	kidnapping, assault	1	A Honduran asylum seeker was expelled by CBP to Mexico in March 2021 even though he had just been kidnapped in Piedras Negras by masked men who brutally beat, drugged, and threatened him with decapitation. Two Honduran migrants were also abducted and beaten along with the man. One of them sought protection in the United States days after being released by the kidnappers, but was expelled by CBP, according to an academic researcher who spoke with Human Rights First.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	5	In April 2021, CBP expelled a Honduran asylum-seeking family, including three children under the age of five, to Mexico even though they had been abducted in Reynosa by Mexican police officers who sold them to a cartel. While being held for ransom, a cartel member held a gun to the mother's head and demanded phone numbers of family members to pay the ransom.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	4	In late March 2021, CBP expelled a Honduran asylum-seeking family with five- and six-year-old children to Tijuana where one of the men who kidnapped them in Reynosa has been prolling outside of their shelter. The family fears that a woman who had been kidnapped with them has been abducted again after she disappeared days after they were expelled together. They are terrified to leave the shelter.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping, robbery	1	In March 2021, Border Patrol expelled a Honduran asylum seeker at 2 a.m. even though he explained that he had been kidnapped and robbed in Mexicali after CBP turned him away from requesting asylum at the port of entry. The man had fled Honduras after authorities violently attacked him and tried to yank out his eye for filming illegal government acts. Border Patrol agents threw out the evidence he had brought with him in support of his asylum claim, according to Kino Border Initiative.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping, rape, torture	1	In February 2021, a young woman who was kidnapped in Mexico, held hostage for weeks, repeatedly raped and tortured by her captors, trafficked into the United States, and then dumped in Phoenix, was not found to have a fear of Mexico under the Title 42 torture screening. CBP expelled the woman to Mexico after she was taken to a hospital for evaluation of the sexual trauma she suffered, according to the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	assault, threats	1	A Guatemalan asylum seeker who has been blocked from requesting asylum at a U.S. port of entry was attacked while pregnant in Tijuana in January and February 2021 by the gang that threatened to kill and dismember her in Guatemala if she refused their sexual demands. The woman narrowly escaped the gang while they ransacked the place in Tijuana where she had been staying and beat her partner, who subsequently disappeared, according to Margaret Cargioli, a lawyer with the Immigrant Defenders Law Center. The woman suffered a miscarriage in March 2021 because she was too terrified to leave her home to seek prenatal care after the attack.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	assault	2	In March 2021, a group of Jamaican LGBT asylum seekers in Tijuana were attacked while being thrown out of a restaurant; one man had his face cut with a broken bottle. In addition, an LGBT Jamaican man was assaulted in Cancun in front of his 8-year-old son. Both attacks were motivated by anti-LGBTQ and anti-Black prejudice.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum

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4/20/2021	kidnapping	1	CBP expelled an 18-year-old Salvadoran asylum seeker, who attempted to cross into the United States after twice being kidnapped in Mexico, after he fell from the border wall and suffered a severe back injury. The young man was expelled in the middle of the night to dangerous Ciudad Juárez in a hospital nightgown, barely ambulatory, and in pain after spinal surgery. His mother and brother, who had also been kidnapped twice in Mexico, were separated from him and expelled to Mexico, leaving the young man alone in hospital, according to his lawyer Kenneth Mayeaux.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	8	In April 2021, multiple asylum seekers informed Human Rights First that members of a violent gang that operates throughout Central America and Mexico forcibly abducted at least 8 individuals from the encampment in recent days, including some pulled from their tents at night. They remain missing.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	kidnapping	4	A Mexican asylum seeker told Human Rights First that she witnessed a group of men kidnap a Salvadoran woman and her three children near the tent encampment in mid-March 2021.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	attempted kidnapping	1	A Salvadoran asylum seeker reported that in March 2021, her daughter was nearly kidnapped from the Tijuana encampment by a man who grabbed the girl and ran several blocks before the girl's uncle could stop him.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	assault	1	In February 2021, a man with a baton severely beat a Haitian asylum seeker in Tijuana in front of Mexican police, who did not intervene, according to a Haitian asylum seeker who witnessed the incident. She told Human Rights First: "We felt like we couldn't say anything because we don't have any power here and we were afraid for our own lives. Haitians are targeted here . . . the police don't care. We have to protect ourselves and look out for one another."	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	assault	1	In February 2021, a pregnant asylum seeker was brutally beaten by a Mexican official in retaliation for having filed a complaint against him for an immigration scam and suffered a miscarriage as a result of the attack.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/20/2021	threats	1	In January 2021, a Haitian asylum seeker in Tijuana who confronted a hotel owner about money stolen from his room was threatened at gunpoint by the owner's son, a Mexican police officer.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/failure-protect-biden-administration-continues-illegal-trump-policy-block-and-expel-asylum
4/21/2021	kidnapping	25	Agentes de la unidad especializada en el combate al secuestro de la fiscalía de justicia del Estado de Tamaulipas, rescataron a una 25 personas migrantes entre ellos ocho menores de edad.	https://www.krgv.com/news/rescatan-a-25-migrantes-secuestrados-en-reynosa-tamaulipas/
4/23/2021	kidnapping	1	La madre hondureña Patricia Estrada, radicada en Estados Unidos, denunció este viernes el secuestro de su hijo de 25 años en Nuevo Laredo, México. Detalló que los captores le solicitan 10 mil dólares (224 mil lempiras), los cuales no tiene, que serían entregados en dos pagos.	https://proceso.hn/madre-hondurena-denuncia-secuestro-de-hijo-en-mexico-piden-10-mil-para-su-liberacion/
4/27/2021	kidnapping	3	One Honduran woman who reached the U.S. with her husband and one-year-old daughter was sent to Nuevo Laredo on April 6 under Title 42, and kidnapped the same day. "My daughter cried all night long and I think that's what saved us," she wrote in a text message. "They asked us if we had family in the U.S. and we said no. At 7 a.m. they let us go and dropped us off in front of the shelter. We are terrified of leaving here."	https://www.vice.com/en/article/k78abz/biden-is-still-sending-thousands-of-migrants-back-to-dangerous-border-cities-and-kidnappers

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4/27/2021	kidnapping, extortion	4	Desde que fue habilitado el gimnasio Kiki Romero como albergue migrante el pasado 5 de abril, se han reportado cuatro personas migrantes que sufrieron secuestro y extorsión por parte de los llamados “polleros” antes de llegar al albergue, quienes les pidieron sumas de dinero para dejarlos en libertad.	https://www.elsoldemexico.com.mx/republica/sociedad/migrantes-sufren-extorsiones-y-secuestros-por-polleros-en-juarez-noticias-ciudad-juarez-coronavirus-chihuahua-6647749.html
4/29/2021	attempted kidnapping	4	Two Central American asylum-seeking migrant families including two young children were kidnapped while traveling by van from Ciudad Juarez to Tijuana, along with two service providers who were guiding them. They managed to escape their kidnappers. Another Salvadoran asylum seeker who was staying at the same Tijuana shelter told Human Rights First that the families had recalled the traumatic kidnapping incident to her after they had arrived there.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/29/2021	kidnapping	2	Suspected gang members kidnapped two families from their tents in the Tijuana encampment near the San Ysidro port of entry, where some 2000 migrants and asylum seekers blocked from requesting U.S. protection due to Title 42 had been living, according to a Honduran asylum seeker living in the tent encampment who witnessed the kidnappings.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/29/2021	kidnapping	2	On March 26, an advocate was contacted by a family member of a pregnant woman who was expelled under Title 42 with her 4-year-old son to Nuevo Laredo. Upon being expelled, they were kidnapped by one of the cartels in the area that was extorting their family member for over \$20,000. The family reported that the 4-year-old had a fever and was vomiting for several days while they were kidnapped.	https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-04-28/biden-title-42-policy-fueling-kidnappings-of-migrant-families-at-border-and-extortion-of-u-s-relatives
4/29/2021	assault	2	A Honduran asylum seeker told Human Rights First that on the night of April 28, 2021, suspected gang members set fire to the tent of a family they had specifically targeted in the Tijuana encampment near the San Ysidro port of entry, where some 2000 migrants and asylum seekers blocked from requesting U.S. protection due to Title 42 are living, and that nearby residents evacuated their tents and ran from the encampment in a panic.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
4/29/2021	assault	1	A Central American child was assaulted outside the San Ysidro port of entry in Tijuana. A witness told Human Rights First that the child had been part of a group of asylum seekers and migrants protesting Title 42 border closures at the port of entry, and that the assailant was a vendor in the area. The video shows the man punching the child.	Video shared with Human Rights First by asylum seeker; https://zetatijuana.com/2021/05/comerciantes-de-la-linea-atacan-a-migrantes-que-se-plantaron-en-san-ysidro/
5/1/2021	kidnapping	9	Un total de nueve migrantes que estaban secuestrados y encerrados en una casa de la colonia Insurgentes fueron rescatados por elementos de la Policía de Investigación, quienes detuvieron a dos mujeres que los custodiaban, reportó la Agencia Estatal de Investigaciones (AEI).	https://diario.mx/juarez/rescatan-a-9-migrantes-secuestrados-20210430-1789881.html
5/3/2021	kidnapping	2	Un niño y su madre fueron privados de la libertad en el campamento migrante instalado en las inmediaciones del cruce fronterizo El Chaparral.	https://www.milenio.com/estados/reportan-secuestro-mujer-hijo-migrantes-campamento-tijuana
5/8/2021	kidnapping	17	Fueron rescatados 17 migrantes procedentes de diferentes nacionalidades, que se encontraban secuestrados por presuntos narcos del Cártel del Golfo (CDG) quienes les exigían \$2,000 dólares mientras los retenían en un domicilio en el municipio de Reynosa en el estado fronterizo de Tamaulipas en México.	https://laopinion.com/2021/05/08/rescatan-a-17-migrantes-secuestrados-por-cartel-del-golfo-les-pedian-2000-dolares-para-liberarlos/

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5/10/2021	kidnapping	5	Cinco migrantes estuvieron encerrados en una casa por casi dos semanas en Tamaulipas, ya que las personas que los llevarían a Estados Unidos, les pedían 8 mil dólares para cruzarlos y si no pagaban, serían entregados a integrantes de la delincuencia organizada.	https://www.milenio.com/policia/tamaulipas-migrantes-secuestrados-exigen-dinero-liberarlos
5/12/2021	kidnapping, assault, robbery	3	Dos de las cinco niñas inmigrantes que aparecieron solas cerca de la frontera sur de Estados Unidos el pasado domingo, habrían sido secuestradas en México junto a su madre y tuvieron que pagar miles de dólares para ser liberadas antes de lograr pasar hacia EEUU...Los encerraron en un cuarto sin ropa y les daban de latigazos...el rescate costó alrededor de 3,000 dólares y, una vez libre, Daisy decidió cruzar hacia EEUU, pero relató que en la frontera encontraron a policías que, a punta de pistola, le quitaron todo el dinero que llevaba.	https://www.univision.com/noticias/inmigracion/dos-de-las-cinco-ninas-que-aparecieron-en-la-frontera-habian-sido-secuestradas
5/13/2021	kidnapping	4	A family with two young daughters that had been expelled to Tijuana after crossing into Texas in March 2021 was kidnapped in Tijuana in April 2021 by armed men who lined them up against a wall and told them they'd have to pay \$1000 to be released. The family managed to escape when a police officer approached.	Human Rights First communication with asylum seeker
5/15/2021	kidnapping	22	La Policía Estatal rescatan a 22 migrantes secuestrados en Tamaulipas.	https://www.elmanana.com/rescatan-a-22-migrantes-secuestrados-en-vivienda-autoridades-delitos-investigan/5346257
5/17/2021	kidnapping	2	Maribel shares a tent in Reynosa's main square with her teenage son and 10 other people. She left El Salvador to prevent her son from being recruited by criminal gangs. But her nightmare caught up with her at a hotel in Reynosa a few weeks ago. "We were kidnapped for five days. They took our phones and the money we had," she said. They were locked up in a house in one of the city's more humble neighborhoods along with about 90 other migrants, all Central Americans.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/kidnaping-onerous-fees-central-americans-returned-mexico-are-targets-rcna929
5/17/2021	kidnapping, sexual assault	3	One family — a mother, father and their 12-year-old son from Honduras — recently came to Sister Horan for help. They said that a gang recently held them for ransom in a dark room for hours. The mother was sexually assaulted.	https://www.pri.org/stories/2021-05-17/many-asylum-seekers-are-returned-us-mexico-border-under-title-42-advocates-call
5/18/2021	kidnapping, assault	4	Two Honduran fathers and their young sons were expelled to Ciudad Juárez on the night of March 14, 2021. With churches and service providers closed for the night, they wandered the streets looking for a place to stay. A man who offered them a room kidnapped and assaulted them, and demanded \$2000 ransom from their families for their release.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
5/18/2021	kidnapping	1	Desde Honduras, una madre suplica a los secuestradores de su hijo en México que no lo lastimen y les pide un tiempo para pagar los 3,000 dólares que solicitaron a cambio de su liberación.	https://www.telemundo.com/noticias/noticias-telemundo-medioidia/inmigracion/video/les-pido-que-me-lo-regresen-con-vida-el-drama-de-la-madre-de-un-migrante-secuestrado-en-tmvo9828421
5/18/2021	kidnapping	1	"Me decía que 'la señora' me iba a dar cuello", recuerda "Alejandro", un migrante mexicano originario de Guerrero, quien la semana pasada llegó a Ciudad Juárez en busca de asilo político en Estados Unidos, pero fue interceptado en la central camionera y secuestrado durante tres días.	https://www.eldiariodechihuahua.mx/estado/m-e-decia-que-la-senora-me-iba-a-dar-cuello-narra-migrante-como-lo-secuestraron-en-juarez-20210518-1796317.html

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5/18/2021	kidnapping	2	Maribel, también salvadoreña y de 47 años, se refugia en la misma plaza junto a su hijo adolescente. Comparten una carpa con otras 10 personas. Salió de El Salvador para evitar que su hijo fuera reclutado por las pandillas criminales. Pero su pesadilla la alcanzó cuando estaban en un hotel de la misma ciudad, Reynosa, unas semanas atrás. "Fuimos secuestrados durante cinco días. Nos quitaron los teléfonos y el dinero que llevábamos", asegura.	https://www.telemundo.com/noticias/noticias-telemundo/inmigracion/secuestros-de-3000-coyotes-que-se-aprovechan-y-violaciones-los-trafficantes-abusan-de-los-tmna3882927
5/19/2021	assault	1	A Haitian man living in the Tijuana encampment near the San Ysidro port of entry, where some 2000 migrants and asylum seekers blocked from requesting U.S. protection due to Title 42 are living, was attacked by men who hit him repeatedly, knocking him onto a tent and destroying it. While he was on the ground, one of the attackers attempted to strike his head with a large rock, but the Haitian man moved out of the way in time to avoid being hit, according to a Honduran asylum seeker who witnessed the attack.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
5/19/2021	kidnapping	3	"El grupo de padres lleva más de una semana caminando en medio del monte con el objetivo de volverse a reunir con las pequeñas que fueron abandonadas en un rancho en Texas. Los inmigrantes aseguran que fueron secuestrados luego de que sus hijas atravesaron la frontera. 'A las niñas las cruzaron primero y luego el balsero regresó por nosotros, pero ya nos tenían agarrados del lado mexicano', contó Daisy Sánchez, la madre de las dos menores guatemaltecas de 5 años y 11 meses."	https://www.univision.com/shows/noticiero-univision/es-algo-muy-difcil-el-drama-que-viven-los-padres-de-cuatro-de-las-cinco-ninas-abandonadas-en-la-frontera-video
5/21/2021	kidnapping	2	"Griselda a 23-year-old woman traveling with her 5-year-old daughter left Guatemala where she was extorted by gangs that demanded part of her paycheck for allowing her to work at a grocery store. She refused. They threatened to kidnap her young daughter. . . . In Mexico, she encountered the very same thing she was running away from. She said she was kidnapped by cartel gangs posing as police and was given three days to pay \$6,000 or they threatened to kill her. Her family back in Guatemala had to scramble to get the money to free her."	https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/migrants-turned-away-at-el-paso-border-due-to-covid-19-concerns/2638893/
6/2/2021	kidnapping	2	"On May 25, Anna and her 7-year-old son, Walter, sat sobbing on the curb. Anna and Walter, of El Salvador, had once again been caught by the Border Patrol trying to enter the U.S. undetected, and they feared a repeat of what happened the last time they were caught. In April, U.S. border agents had sent them back into the Mexican city of Nuevo Laredo, where, Anna said, they were kidnapped and held for \$10,000 ransom."	https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/under-biden-crossing-u-s-border-has-become-lottery-migrants-n1269263
6/2/2021	sexual assault	1	A trans woman from Honduras was sexually assaulted and then stalked and threatened with death by the attacker in Chiapas in May 2021. She had fled Honduras due to physical and verbal abuse on the basis of her sexual orientation and gender identity.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker
6/3/2021	kidnapping	1	A LGBTQ asylum seeker from Honduras was kidnapped in Nuevo Laredo in February 2021 after fleeing discrimination in his home country. He was held captive at gunpoint for 15 days with 23 other kidnapped people. He was forced to call his father at gunpoint and tell his father to pay a ransom.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker
6/4/2021	assault, robbery	1	A trans woman from Guatemala was assaulted and robbed in Piedras Negras in April 2021 while waiting for U.S. asylum processing to resume.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker

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6/7/2021	assault, attempted kidnapping	1	In May 2021, a gay Honduran man who had fled death threats in his home country escaped a kidnapping attempt in a park in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The Honduran asylum seeker had been walking in a park when a man pulled his car up to him and demanded that the Honduran man get into his car and provide sexual services. When the Honduran man refused, the assailant jumped out of the car and grabbed him from behind, stabbing him in the arm, and tried to force him into the car.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
6/7/2021	kidnapping, rape	1	A Honduran trans asylum seeker, who'd fled Honduras after she was attacked by the gang for her sexual orientation and her brother was beheaded, was raped multiple times in Mexico in Nuevo Laredo and Piedras Negras. In Piedras Negras, she was kidnapped and raped in May 2021 and had to escape her kidnappers by jumping out a window. She landed on a cactus plant and got thorns stuck all over her body.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker
6/7/2021	kidnapping, assault, rape, threats	1	In April 2021, an 18-year-old trans woman from El Salvador who'd fled death threats in her home country was assaulted and robbed in a border city by men who told her they'd planned to "disappear" her. The woman managed to escape and remained in the same city as her assailants, blocked from requesting U.S. asylum due to Title 42 and terrified to leave her shelter.	Human Rights First phone interview with asylum seeker
6/7/2021	rape	1	An Indigenous Guatemalan transgender woman who had been trafficked for sexual exploitation was raped by Mexican police in Tijuana in early 2021 after having waited nearly a year to request U.S. asylum.	Human Rights First communication with Nicole Ramos, attorney at Al Otro Lado
6/7/2021	assault	1	In late May 2021, a Mexican lesbian couple was attacked and beaten for their sexual orientation while waiting in Tijuana for U.S. asylum processing to resume.	Human Rights First communication with Hollie Webb, attorney at Al Otro Lado
6/8/2021	kidnapping	6	Felicia Rangel-Samponaro runs Sidewalk School, a nonprofit that offers classroom instruction for asylum-seeking children in six cities across the border. She said two weeks ago at least six people were kidnapped from the plaza. Gang members "come into the plaza," Rangel-Samponaro said. "They drag a person away. You hear the person screaming for help. Everyone stands around and watches, which is understandable. No one wants to die."	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/vp-harris-visits-mexico-city-migrant-tent-camp-grows-border-town-rcna1145
6/10/2021	kidnapping	2	A woman fleeing with her seven-year-old daughter from violence in Honduras attempted to cross into the U.S. and ask for asylum several times. The first few times, she was hastily returned to Nogales, Sonora. On her final attempt, she and her daughter were kidnapped by their smuggler and held and tortured for over two weeks until her family could pay their ransom.	Communication from Kino Border Initiative
6/10/2021	kidnapping	1	In Mexico, with nowhere to go and few funds, she slept on the street and was kidnapped, according to a request to the U.S. government for a humanitarian exception to the order seen by Reuters. The kidnappers wanted to extort money from her family, Jasibi said. Jasibi - who asked Reuters not to publish her surname for fear of reprisals - called migrant advocate Ariana Sawyer at Human Rights Watch daily to check on her application for the exemption. But when Sawyer tried to call her last month with the good news that she would be allowed into the United States, she couldn't reach her – Jasibi had been kidnapped again.	https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/bruised-by-border-politics-some-biden-officials-cling-trump-restrictions-2021-06-10/

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6/10/2021	kidnapping	140	Un total de 140 migrantes, entre ellos cuatro menores, fueron rescatados este miércoles de una vivienda de Ciudad Juárez, México, donde estaban secuestrados y hacinados en cuartos de madera. Los migrantes proceden, en su mayoría, del Triángulo Norte de Centroamérica: Guatemala, El Salvador y Honduras, según informó la Agencia Efe.	https://www.univision.com/noticias/inmigracion/rescatan-en-mexico-a-140-migrantes-centroamericanos-secuestrados
6/11/2021	rape, sexual assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, armed robbery, beatings	2314	Asylum seekers from Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru, and Venezuela blocked from seeking U.S. asylum due to Title 42 reported having been the victim of a violent attack or attempted attack in Mexico in the last month in an ongoing electronic survey conducted by AI Otro Lado.	Human Rights First review survey data received by AI Otro Lado between April 9 and June 11, 2021.
6/13/2021	kidnapping	249	"Como fue previamente reportado, el primer resguardo sucedió el pasado miércoles 9 de junio, 140 personas fueron encontradas en una carpintería ubicada en las calles Caballos y Potros de la colonia Felipe ángeles, entre ellas 99 originarias de Guatemala, 17 de Nicaragua, 11 de El Salvador, 6 de Ecuador, 5 de Honduras y 2 mexicanos. De este grupo de migrantes, 117 son hombres, 12 mujeres y 11 menores de edad, quienes iba a ser ingresados de manera ilegal al vecino país por presuntos "polleros" . Ese mismo día, se realizó la segunda intervención, en donde se localizaron a 66 migrantes de Honduras, Guatemala y Ecuador en una vivienda ubicada en el cruce de las calles Sinaloa y Cananea, en la colonia Ampliación Fronteriza."	https://www.elheraldodechihuahua.com.mx/local/juarez/rescatan-en-juarez-a-249-migrantes-secuestrados-noticias-de-ciudad-juarez-chihuahua-inseguridad-delincuencia-policia-6837679.html
6/13/2021	kidnapping, assault	2	"Rubi and her husband, Jorge left Honduras with their daughters in October after shuttering their business because they could not afford to pay taxes to gangs..she brought with her the death certificates of her murdered brothers, who were persecuted by criminal gangs, she said, to bolster their protection request. Their disappointment at the Eagle Pass, Tex., port of entry in January motivated the family to swim across the swift currents of the Rio Grande a few days later from Piedras Negras, Mexico. Rubi's two daughters, 9 and 5, made it. But as her husband came to help her, she was overtaken by attackers. He was beaten. Cartel members held Rubi for ransom for days, she said, but no one in her family had money to pay her captors. She went into labor shortly after her release. The birth was difficult and the baby was born with birth defects and an intestinal inflammation."	https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/fewer-migrant-families-being-expelled-at-border-under-title-42-but-critics-still-push-for-its-end/2021/06/13/422c702c-c7cc-11eb-81b1-34796c7393af_story.html
6/14/2021	kidnapping	4	"Familiares de cuatro hondureños de una misma familia que buscaban llegar a Estados Unidos (EEUU) fueron secuestrados por grupos criminales en México, según denunciaron familiares de las los migrantes."	https://proceso.hn/cuatro-miembros-de-una-misma-familia-secuestrados-en-mexico-denuncian-sus-familiares/
6/14/2021	attempted kidnapping	5	A Honduran family waiting in Nuevo Laredo for U.S. asylum processing to resume was kidnapped by a cartel and managed to escape.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
6/17/2021	rape	1	A disabled Honduran asylum seeker was raped by a group of men after being expelled by DHS to Ciudad Juárez in mid-April 2021 with her one-and-a-half-year-old daughter. The men threatened to kill her if they saw her in the Juárez again.	Human Rights First communication with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center

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6/24/2021	kidnapping	20	"la Secretaría de Seguridad Pública de Tamaulipas realizó en Río Bravo la liberación de 20 personas en condición de migrante que se hallaban en una casa de seguridad. De las 20 personas, 15 son de Honduras y cinco de México, uno del Estado de México, dos de Guerrero y dos de Tabasco. Entre los migrantes había una mujer y una menor de 2 años."	https://www.excelsior.com.mx/nacional/rescatan-a-20-migrantes-en-rio-bravo-tamaulipas/1456534
7/1/2021	assault	1	A Mexican man fleeing gang threats was attacked and beaten in Tijuana in June 2021 by someone who grabbed him from inside a taquería while he was waiting with his family for the opportunity to request U.S. asylum.	Human Rights First interview with asylum seeker
7/4/2021	kidnapping	53	"Este sábado fueron rescatadas 53 personas indocumentadas en la colonia Rancho Anapra, Ciudad Juárez, en el estado de Chihuahua. Dentro de estas personas se encontraban dos menores de edad."	https://www.infobae.com/america/mexico/2021/07/04/en-chihuahua-rescataron-a-53-migrantes-centroamericanosque-estaban-secuestrados/
7/4/2021	kidnapping	24	"El rescate de los migrantes, se realizó tras un operativo derribado a un llamado al teléfono comunitario de la Estación de Policía del Distrito Valle, en donde reportaron que en una vivienda ubicada en el cruce de las calles Cordillera de Taurus y Monte Aragón, se encontraban encerrados varias personas de origen centroamericano. Al llegar, los agentes localizaron a 24 personas de origen hondureño, siendo 15 adultos y nueve adolescentes, quienes manifestaron tener varios días alojados en dicho sitio a la espera de ser internados de manera ilegal al vecino país."	https://www.elsoldeparral.com.mx/local/rescatan-a-24-migrantes-secuestrados-en-juarez-noticias-polleros-inseguridad-frontera-6924248.html
7/8/2021	kidnapping, attempted rape	26	A Central American asylum seeker and her six-year-old son had nowhere to sleep when DHS expelled them to Ciudad Juárez in April 2021. A man waiting near the port of entry who offered them a ride and place to stay for the night instead imprisoned them for two weeks and attempted to rape the woman. The family has been hiding for weeks at a migrant shelter in the city after managing to escape through a bathroom window in the house where they were held with other abducted women.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/DisorderlyandInhumane.pdf
7/8/2021	kidnapping	(counted in Human Rights First/Hope Border Institute report total)	Armed men kidnapped a Honduran asylum seeker and her seven-year-old daughter just blocks from the port of entry while they were searching for a place to sleep for the night just after DHS expelled them via a lateral expulsion flight, discussed below, in April 2021. Mexican migration officials at the State Population Council (COESPO) of Chihuahua had told the woman that shelters were full and that the family had to find housing on their own. Held captive for two months in a house with dozens of other kidnapping victims, the woman and her daughter survived on potatoes and eggs. They managed to escape while being transported to another location but remain in danger in a Juárez migrant shelter, experiencing nightmares and difficulty sleeping due to the trauma they suffered.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/DisorderlyandInhumane.pdf
7/8/2021	kidnapping	(counted in Human Rights First/Hope Border Institute report total)	In June 2021, DHS expelled a Salvadoran woman and her two children immediately after they had escaped from kidnappers who had forcibly held them for 10 days, extorted her sister for thousands of dollars, and fired shots at the family as they ran away. U.S. immigration officers mocked the woman as she begged them not to return the family to Ciudad Juárez just hours after they crossed the border to ask for protection in the United States. On their return, Mexican immigration officers robbed the woman of her cell phone, and her sister continues to receive threatening messages from the kidnappers.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/DisorderlyandInhumane.pdf

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7/8/2021	kidnapping	(counted in Human Rights First/Hope Border Institute report total)	An Indigenous Guatemalan woman from the Q'eqchi' community was held with her two young children in a hielera (freezing-cold cell) for three days after they crossed the border near Reynosa before U.S. immigration officials expelled them via lateral flight to Ciudad Juárez in April 2021. The woman's husband and 4-year-old daughter were kidnapped in Nuevo Laredo and held for ransom for more than a month.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/DisorderlyandInhumane.pdf
7/8/2021	assault	(counted in Human Rights First/Hope Border Institute report total)	A Guatemalan asylum seeker who was transferred with her eight-year-old daughter from Yuma, Arizona to El Paso for expulsion in March 2021 was subsequently beaten and abused in Ciudad Juárez.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/DisorderlyandInhumane.pdf
7/14/2021	assault, robbery	1	A Honduran woman fleeing domestic violence in Honduras to seek U.S. asylum was robbed and assaulted on a train near Piedras Negras in March 2021	Human Rights First telephonic interview with asylum seeker.
7/15/2021	kidnapping	1	"She says that after being kidnapped on the streets of Reynosa, Tamaulipas, in late February, the days started to blur together. Estefani's 8-year-old daughter Ashly was able to run away while men snatched Estefani off the streets—that much Estefani knew—but while the 27-year-old from El Salvador was held, she didn't know that Ashly had crossed the border into the U.S., where the government classified her as an unaccompanied minor along with thousands of other children and teens who have been processed into the U.S. since the start of the Biden Administration."	https://time.com/6073384/title-42-expel-mexico-kidnapping/
7/16/2021	kidnapping	4	Antonia Machado González se mantiene postrada en una cama desde que se enteró que su hijo Julio Ampíe Machado fue secuestrado presuntamente por un cártel en México, junto a su esposa y sus dos hijos, desde hace más de una semana, mientras intentaba buscar asilo en Estados Unidos. Julio Ampíe fue secuestrado el 3 de junio en la ciudad fronteriza de Reynosa, en México cuando pretendía llegar a Estados Unidos de forma irregular y pedir asilo. Según relatan los familiares, unos hombres irrumpieron en el apartamento donde esperaban ser cruzados al país vecino.	https://100noticias.com.ni/nacionales/108796-secuestros-nicaraguenses-nueva-oleada-migratoria/
7/19/2021	kidnapping, threats	1	A Honduran man traveling alone was kidnapped in Monterrey in June 2021. His family in Honduras sold all their belongings to pay the ransom. When he was released, the kidnappers told him they'd kill him if they saw him again.	Human Rights First telephonic interview with asylum seeker.
7/20/2021	assault, robbery	3	A Honduran family was assaulted and robbed by an armed man in Tijuana in May 2021 while awaiting the opportunity to request US asylum.	Human Rights First telephonic interview with asylum seeker.
7/20/2021	kidnapping	31	"Dos personas fueron detenidas luego que Carabineros rescatara a 31 ciudadanos extranjeros, entre los que había 8 menores de edad, que se encontraban secuestrados en un domicilio en Pozo Almonte, en la Región de Tarapacá."	https://www.t13.cl/noticia/nacional/rescatan-migrantes-secuestrados-domicilio-pozo-almonte-20-07-2021

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7/22/2021	kidnapping	37	"En Tamaulipas se han liberado a 141 migrantes, se han rescatado a 37 personas privadas de su libertad y se han asegurado media tonelada de marihuana, cocaína, piedra y metanfetamina."	https://www.milenio.com/policia/tamaulipas-rescatan-141-migrantes-liberan-37-personas-secuestro
7/26/2021	kidnapping	2	A Honduran mother and her 9-year-old son were kidnapped in Reynosa in June 2021 and held for 10 days until the mother's sister paid ransom.	Human Rights First telephonic interview with asylum seeker.
7/27/2021	kidnapping	43	"En Chihuahua, fueron rescatados 43 centroamericanos que estaban presuntamente secuestrados en un domicilio ubicado en el municipio de Aldama. La Unidad de Secuestros de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) realizó un operativo en el lugar, donde encontró a 38 hombres y cinco mujeres, entre ellos cuatro menores."	https://www.milenio.com/estados/en-chihuahua-rescatan-a-43-migrantes-secuestrados
7/29/2021	kidnapping	15	"La Fiscalía General de Justicia del Estado (FGJE) de Tamaulipas a través de la Unidad Especializada en el Combate al Secuestro (UECS) realizó el rescate de 15 migrantes procedentes de Centroamérica, así lo informó la dependencia por medio de un comunicado este jueves 29 de julio."	https://www.infobae.com/america/mexico/2021/07/29/en-condiciones-deplorables-fiscalia-de-tamaulipas-rescato-a-15-migrantes-en-reynosa/
7/29/2021	kidnapping	1	"Su huida al norte empezó en autobús para cruzar hasta Honduras y luego a Guatemala. Luego caminó tres días por las vías del tren con sus pies ampollados, hasta llegar a México, donde fue secuestrado por narcotraficantes. Tras pagar un rescate de 6.500 dólares que juntaron sus familiares, fue liberado tres días después. Cruzó el Río Bravo, que separa a Estados Unidos de México, y se entregó a la Patrulla Fronteriza en junio diciendo que quería pedir asilo."	https://www.latimes.com/espanol/eeuu/articulo/2021-07-29/perseguidos-nicaraguenses-huyen-eeuu-migrantes
8/1/2021	kidnapping	18	"A casi mes y medio de la presunta desaparición de 18 migrantes haitianos en Tampico, el Comité Ciudadano en Defensa de los Naturalizados y Afromexicanos teme hayan caído en manos de la delincuencia de Tamaulipas."	https://www.milenio.com/policia/haitianos-desaparecidos-en-tampico-pueden-estar-secuestrados
8/4/2021	kidnapping	4	A Nicaraguan family of four, intending to request U.S. asylum, was kidnapped in Reynosa and held for 29 days until they paid a \$30,000 ransom	https://www.laprensa.com.ni/2021/08/04/nacionales/2860496-yo-tuve-ideas-de-escaparme-el-relato-de-la-familia-nica-que-viajaba-hacia-estados-unidos-y-fue-secuestrada-en-mexico
8/5/2021	kidnapping	3	"Rescatan a mujer y dos menores migrantes hondureños de un domicilio en Reynosa."	https://www.hoytamaulipas.net/notas/464770/Rescatan-a-mujer-y-dos-menores-migrantes-de-un-domicilio-en-Reynosa.html
8/6/2021	kidnapping	1	"A su paso por México, Barralaga fue secuestrado. Así fue como conoció a José. Para que los liberaran, sus familiares en Estados Unidos tuvieron que pagar alrededor de 5,000 dólares por cada uno. Y aun así, cuenta el tío, tuvieron que escapar después de más de tres meses de captividad pues los secuestradores no los dejaban ir."	https://www.telemundo.com/noticias/noticias-telemundo/inmigracion/este-inmigrante-escapo-de-la-miseria-en-honduras-y-de-sus-secuestradores-en-mexico-pero-la-tmna3900466?cid=linknoticias

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8/7/2021	kidnapping	1	"En redes sociales circula un video que muestra a un migrante (todo indica sudamericano) quien fue secuestrado presuntamente por narcotraficantes del Cártel del Noreste (CDN) en el municipio de Nuevo Laredo en el estado de Tamaulipas en México."	https://www.msn.com/es-us/noticias/estados-unidos/video-c%C3%A1rtel-del-noreste-secuestra-a-migrante-tenes-que-pagar-7-000-d%C3%B3lares-si-quieres-ver-a-tu-hermano-vivo/ar-AAN1oU2?amp%3Bocid=iehp
8/10/2021	kidnapping	1	A Honduran asylum seeker was kidnapped in Monterrey and held captive for four days in July 2021.	Human Rights First telephonic interview with asylum seeker.
8/12/2021	assault	2	"After moving to Nogales in October 2020, my client and his partner were constantly taunted for being gay by a group of men who regularly hung out outside a convenience store located near their home. In February 2021, the same group of men donned ski masks and chased after my client, who narrowly escaped into a nearby taxi."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-chelsea-sachau
8/12/2021	kidnapping, rape	2	"In February 2021 a Honduran woman and her young daughter were kidnapped immediately after DHS expelled her to Reynosa by armed men who grabbed them from the street, covered the mother's face with a black hat, and forced them into a car. The mother was raped multiple times in captivity and begged the kidnappers not to harm her daughter, who was released a month before the mother managed to escape. The mother did not know where her daughter was until a U.S. shelter eventually contacted her."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-savitri-arvey/ Human Rights First communication with Savitri Arvey, a lawyer with the Women's Refugee Commission.
8/19/2021	kidnapping	2	In February 2021, a Salvadoran mother and her eight-year-old daughter were expelled to Reynosa after attempting to seek asylum. Armed, masked men immediately pursued the family as they tried to run away. The mother was abducted, but the child managed to escape and eventually enter the United States, where she remained in ORR custody, deeply traumatized and believing for more than a month that her mother had been killed.	Human Rights First communication with Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch, an attorney assisting the family.
8/12/2021	kidnapping	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	"In Reynosa, one of our clients who had previously tried to seek asylum at the border but who was expelled under Title 42 was kidnapped shortly thereafter with her young son. The mother and child were held for days without food until they finally escaped."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-erika-pinheiro
8/12/2021	kidnapping	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	"In Nuevo Laredo, a client was waiting to be able to cross with her U.S. citizen daughter when they were kidnapped by armed men while walking down the street. The men took them to a house, shaved their heads, and beat them severely. The U.S. citizen daughter's face was slashed with a knife on both sides. She lost so much blood from her injuries that she had to be hospitalized. "	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-erika-pinheiro
8/12/2021	rape, extortion	2	"In one case received by our organization, a mother and her 5-year-old daughter were expelled to Mexico from the United States after fleeing sexual assault and domestic violence in Guatemala. After being expelled to Ciudad Juarez this mother was raped. The family also faced ongoing extortion and death threats from smugglers in Mexico following their expulsion."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-linda-rivas
8/11/2021	kidnapping, rape	2	"I represented a Black Honduran family consisting of a mother and her 8-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son. The family was kidnapped in Mexico. The mother told me that she was "lucky" because even though the kidnappers gang-raped her repeatedly, they always did it in a separate room so that her children did not have to watch."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-taylor-levy

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8/11/2021	kidnapping, assault	2	"I represented a Honduran mother, father, and children ages 8 and 1. The mother was kidnapped and held for month before finally being released after her family in the U.S. paid a ransom. Later, the father was approached by the cartel in Nuevo Laredo who demanded that he work for them. He refused, and they beat him so badly that they broke his hip and told him that he was going to have to start working for him once he healed. The family was so terrified by this threat that they hid out in the migrant shelter rather than taking the father to the hospital; as such, he can no longer walk unassisted."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-taylor-levy
8/11/2021	kidnapping	3	"I represented a father, mother, and their 6-year-old child seeking asylum from Honduras. They were kidnapped in Mexico and the mother was raped by the kidnappers. They also threatened to rape the 6-year-old, but stopped just before the actual rape."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-taylor-levy
8/11/2021	kidnapping	4	"I represented a Honduran family consisting of a mother, father, and children ages 12 and 1. The family had been kidnapped and brutalized on three occasions by the same cartel. After escaping, they went to a migrant shelter in Nuevo Laredo. The cartel arrived at the shelter looking for them, and the pastors were able to help them narrowly-escape through a back door."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-taylor-levy
8/11/2021	kidnapping	1	"I represented a father, mother, and their 12 and 11-year-old children seeking asylum from Honduras. The father was kidnapped by the cartel one day while he was working in Mexico. He was eventually able to escape, but lost part of his hand during the escape."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-taylor-levy
8/11/2021	kidnapping	2	"Another client family, consisting of a mother and her seven-year-old son from El Salvador, were expelled into Mexico on several occasions trying to seek asylum in the United States. On their final attempt, they were kidnapped immediately upon expulsion to Nuevo Laredo and held for eightdays while their family gathered the money to pay their ransom. The mother reported that her son did not eat anything during the entire kidnapping and was deeply traumatized."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-taylor-levy
8/11/2021	attempted kidnapping	1	"...They crossed the river, but U.S. officials sent them straight back under Title 42, despite the grandmother's frailty. The grandmother fell gravely ill back in Reynosa, but the family, like so many other migrants, had a very hard time getting her admitted to a hospital given the local anti-migrant sentiments. She died shortly thereafter. C suffered a kidnapping attempt while she was with her mother at the hospital."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-jennifer-k-harbury
8/11/2021	kidnapping, robbery	1	"...She fled north and tried to cross to Texas but was immediately sent back under Title 42 by U.S. officials. Mexican immigration officials stole \$500 from her as she returned. She then tried to take a taxi at the foot of the bridge, but the driver kidnapped her. When she ran, he dragged her back by her hair, but she was later able to escape and make it to a shelter. Her shoulder then became badly infected, putting her life at risk."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-jennifer-k-harbury

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8/11/2021	murder	1	"A mother ("A") tried to save her young daughter when the gangs arrived to rape her. The gangs beat A and kidnapped the girl, who did not return for nearly a year. When the mother received still more threats, she fled north with her mentally disabled 15-year-old son. The son had the functional development of a 5-year-old. The trip was terrifying. The family tried twice to cross the river, but U.S. officials sent them back both times under Title 42. In Reynosa, the mother realized she could not keep her son safe from the endless kidnappings and assaults going on around her. If she tried to cross with her son again, they would both be sent back. If he crossed alone, he would be sent to her family in the United States because Title 42 did not apply to unaccompanied minors. Like so many other desperate parents, she finally sent him across again, this time on his own. He was found dead shortly thereafter. Initial reports suggest torture and mutilation. Based on my experience, I suspect the gangs approached the boat in which he was a passenger and asked for "claves," or passwords each traveler gets once they have paid the proper crossing "fees" to the gangs. If anyone attempts to cross without such payment, they are killed. Had the gangs asked this young man for his password, he would have been unable to answer and therefore killed."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-jennifer-k-harbury
8/11/2021	assault, rape	1	"A young Trans woman ("F") went through hellish persecution in her homeland. The gangs beat her so severely that she fled in early 2019. She made it to Reynosa, but U.S. officials sent her back under the MPP program. F tried to go back to the border for her immigration court appointment in Laredo, but the local gangs pulled over the bus and dragged everyone off. Eventually she got away, but she had missed her hearing. A few months ago, she tried again to cross the Rio Grande but was sent back to Mexico. This time the gangs beat her and raped her. Worse yet, she now has HIV from her assailants."	https://www.aclu.org/legal-document/declaration-jennifer-k-harbury
8/17/2021	rape, sexual assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, armed robbery, beatings	2511	Asylum seekers from Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela and other countries who were expelled or blocked from seeking U.S. asylum due to Title 42 reported having been the victim of a violent attack or attempted attack in Mexico in the last month in an ongoing electronic survey conducted by AI Otro Lado.	Human Rights First review of survey data received by AI Otro Lado between June 12 and August 17, 2021.
8/19/2021	kidnapping	2	"La madre y las esposas de dos jóvenes hondureños clamaron este jueves por ayuda para lograr liberar a sus hijos, secuestrados en México por bandas criminales cuando ellos buscaban cruzar tierras aztecas en su ruta hacia los Estados Unidos."	https://proceso.hn/denuncian-secuestro-de-otros-dos-hondurenos-en-mexico/
8/20/2021	attempted kidnapping	1	We had a Guatemalan client that we assisted in entering the US via the Huisha process back in April. Our client was a single mother, and she had previously been expelled from the United States. During the expulsion she had been followed by a man who attempted to kidnap her and force her into sexual slavery, but she was able to get away from him, thankfully.	Human Rights First communication with Ella Rawls, Attorney with Arizona Justice for our Neighbors

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8/20/2021	kidnapping	4	In March 2021, a family of four fleeing Honduras after experiencing attempted kidnappings and death threats were immediately expelled to Mexico after attempting to seek safety in the U.S. Once returned to Mexico, a taxi driver kidnapped the family and held them in a secluded house. After managing to escape, the family stayed at an encampment in a plaza in Reynosa where the family feared for their young daughters' safety due to threats of sexual violence. Men, including police officers, would photograph their daughters--- a typical tactic used by human traffickers.	Human Rights First communication with Karla Vargas, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project.
8/20/2021	attempted beatings, threats	1	In May 2021, a 22-year-old asylum seeker who fled Guatemala after facing intense discrimination based on his sexuality was immediately expelled to Mexico after attempting to seek safety in the U.S. Once in Mexico, he faced ongoing death threats, homophobic slurs and attempted beatings. His sexuality made him a target for the cartel and other criminal entities.	Human Rights First communication with Karla Vargas, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project.
8/20/2021	threats, extortion	2	In March 2021, a 38-year-old mother and her 8-year-old daughter were expelled after attempting to seek safety in the US because they received threats against their lives and threats to kidnap the daughter. Once in Mexico, they were targeted for extortion and were stalked by men in vehicles--- a typical tactic used by human traffickers.	Human Rights First communication with Karla Vargas, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project.
8/21/2021	kidnapping, extortion	15	"El pasado lunes 16 de agosto, dos mujeres y un menor de 10 meses fueron liberados, tras permanecer privados de su libertad desde principios de este mes en un auto hotel ubicado sobre la autopista Córdoba-Orizaba...Un día después (el martes 17), 12 migrantes procedentes de Cuba y Haití fueron rescatados en la zona rural de Coatzacoalcos por elementos de Protección Civil, denunciaron ser víctimas de extorsión y abusos por parte de elementos policíacos, quienes los despojaron del dinero que traían consigo para intentar cruzar la frontera con Estados Unidos."	https://veracruz.lasillarota.com/estados/sur-de-veracruz-zona-mas-peligrosa-para-migrantes-en-veracruz-/551887
8/23/2021	kidnapping, assault	1	A Cameroonian asylum seeker, who was kidnapped in Cancun, beaten, and nearly raped by her abductors, is currently stranded in Reynosa. Because of the Biden administration's expulsion policy, she is blocked from seeking asylum at the Hidalgo port of entry.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault, extortion	1	A gay Haitian asylum seeker was assaulted and extorted in Tijuana while waiting for the opportunity to request U.S. asylum. The man became severely depressed and attempted suicide in July 2021. As of mid-August 2021, he remains in danger in Tijuana.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	attempted kidnapping	1	A Venezuelan man who was forced to flee Venezuela after refusing orders to harm protestors is waiting in dangerous Nuevo Laredo to request asylum at the Laredo port of entry after CBP officers turned him away in early August 2021. The man was nearly kidnapped at the Nuevo Laredo bus terminal when he arrived in the city.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault	2	Unable to find a shelter to assist them, a Honduran asylum-seeking couple are sleeping on a riverbank near Piedras Negras hiding from the men who kidnapped them and hoping for a chance to request protection in the United States. In August 2021, the couple were released by kidnappers who beat them so severely that the woman suffered a miscarriage. In addition, Coahuila state police robbed the couple of their belongings.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers

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8/23/2021	assault	1	A teenage Mexican asylum seeker, who was turned away with her family by CBP officers at the San Ysidro port of entry in July 2021, was assaulted by a group of men in the Tijuana tent encampment. The girl and her family had fled death threats in Michoacan.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	rape, assault	1	A lesbian asylum seeker who has been sleeping on the streets in Ciudad Acuña with her partner waiting to request asylum at the Del Rio port of entry told Human Rights First researchers in August 2021 that she has been raped and repeatedly attacked in Mexico. The young woman's broken arm was still in a cast and bruises visible on her face from an attack in which men beat her to steal the sweets she sells on the street to survive.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	attempted kidnapping, rape	3	A Honduran woman, her husband, and brother-in-law remain trapped in Ciudad Acuña where they have suffered repeated kidnapping attempts, unable to request U.S. protection. On one occasion in June 2021, they were forced to jump into a river to escape kidnappers. In addition, the woman was raped in Monterrey while in transit to seek asylum.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	robbery, attempted kidnapping	1	In July 2021, a Guatemalan man stranded with his 7-year-old child at the tent encampment in Reynosa hoping to seek U.S. asylum was assaulted, robbed, and nearly kidnapped when he went to a store to purchase medicine for his sick child. An armed man assaulted the asylum seeker and forced him into a car. The kidnappers released the man when they learned his son was ill, but the family remains in danger in Reynosa.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	1	A Honduran asylum seeker has been waiting for months in danger to seek U.S. protection after she was kidnapped and trafficked in Mexico. The abductors trafficked her for sexual exploitation and showed her graphic videos of migrants being tortured to intimidate her. The woman managed to escape in April 2021 but remains in hiding in a shelter, terrified to go outside.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	In July 2021, armed, hooded men kidnapped a 13-year-old Honduran boy and his asylum-seeking mother in Reynosa and kept them captive for three days without food until family members paid a ransom. The traumatized boy has nightmares and has been unable to sleep. The family remains in danger in Reynosa, where they are living in a tent in the encampment.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, assault	1	A Honduran asylum seeker stranded in Ciudad Acuña waiting for an opportunity to request asylum has been repeatedly kidnapped in Mexico. In early August 2021, he was kidnapped in Piedras Negras and jumped from a moving car to escape. He took a bus to Ciudad Acuña to avoid the kidnappers, but police officers dragged him off the bus to extort him, pulled him by his hair, and hit him in the face causing him to lose several teeth.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	A 13-year-old Honduran boy and his asylum-seeking mother, who were kidnapped in Reynosa in April 2021, are homeless in Piedras Negras waiting to request U.S. asylum. The family was held captive in horrendous conditions, sleeping the floor and barely fed for two months while desperate family members gathered ransom money. The kidnappers threatened to traffic the son, if they failed to pay.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers

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8/23/2021	kidnapping	3	A Salvadoran couple and their adult daughter who were repeatedly kidnapped in Mexico are trapped in the encampment near the San Ysidro port of entry. The family fled El Salvador after a gang that control large parts of the country raped and beat the daughter, causing her to suffer a miscarriage, according to attorney Luis Gonzalez with Jewish Family Service of San Diego.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, assault	5	A Honduran family with three children was kidnapped and severely beaten immediately after DHS expelled them to Nuevo Laredo in June 2021. Shortly after they managed to escape, the family witnessed people they believed to be gang members drag a boy from a house and shoot him in the street.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	In July 2021, CBP expelled a Honduran asylum seeker in the middle of the night to Nuevo Laredo, where gang members immediately kidnapped him and forced his family to pay a ransom. Shortly after his release a cartel kidnapped him again. He remains missing and his family has not heard from him since, according to the migrant legal services organization AI Otro Lado.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	In June 2021, an indigenous Honduran asylum seeker and his six-year-old son were kidnapped immediately after DHS expelled them to Reynosa. The kidnappers separated the family and trafficked the father for labor. When they were released, they again sought U.S. protection in the Rio Grande Valley, but this time DHS transferred them by bus for expulsion in Nuevo Laredo, where they narrowly escaped another kidnapping attempt, according to Taylor Levy, an attorney assisting the family.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault	1	In August 2021, a Salvadoran man told Human Rights First that after Border Patrol agents expelled him to Piedras Negras at midnight he was threatened and attacked. With migrant shelters closed by the city, he was forced to sleep in an abandoned house, but men – one armed with a bat – threatened to beat him and other stranded migrants, if they didn't leave.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	attempted kidnapping, assault	2	A Honduran father and son seeking U.S. asylum were shot during a kidnapping attempt after DHS expelled them to Reynosa in April 2021. The father suffered multiple bullet wounds, including a bullet that became lodged in his arm for months while he was unable to access medical care in Mexico, according to Karla Vargas, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, assault	1	In June 2021, CBP officers turned away a Guatemalan man who tried to request protection at the international bridge to the Laredo port of entry even though he was covered in blood from having been tortured by the cartel that abducted him. The man had been held for days and repeatedly beaten by cartel because he could not provide the phone number of a family member in the United States to extort. The man told Human Rights First, "If I return to my country, I'll be killed. If I stay here, I'll be killed. I want an opportunity, for someone to consider my case."	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, rape	2	A Central American mother fleeing gang threats was expelled to Reynosa in spring 2021 with her minor daughter, who has an intellectual disability, even though they had been kidnapped in Mexico and the mother raped. After escaping the family crossed the Rio Grande to ask for U.S. protection but were immediately expelled, according to Jennifer Harbury, an attorney assisting the family.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers

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8/23/2021	kidnapping	1	In July 2021, Border Patrol agents expelled a Honduran asylum seeker to Mexico just one day after he received surgery for injuries he suffered while escaping a kidnapping in Piedras Negras. The man was pushed from the train he climbed aboard to escape the kidnappers who had held and beat him for days. He explained to Border Patrol agents who took him to a hospital for surgery on his severely broken leg that he had fled a near-fatal beating by the gang extorting his clothing business in Honduras as well as the abduction in Mexico, but they returned him to Mexico in a hospital gown, barely able to walk with his leg in a heavy brace.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	1	DHS twice expelled a Honduran asylum seeker to Mexico even though he had been kidnapped near Reynosa in March 2021 by a cartel that continues to hold his mother five months later. The man escaped the kidnappers but continues to receive videos and photos of his mother being tortured by her captors who are demanding a \$10,000 ransom. The man told Human Rights First that cartel members are searching for him in Reynosa and that he fears that they will kill him for escaping.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, extortion	1	In August 2021, an LGBT Venezuelan asylum seeker who had been kidnapped in Nuevo Laredo managed to enter the Laredo port of entry and attempted to request protection but was immediately turned back to Mexico by CBP officers. The day before attempting to seek protection, he had been kidnapped and extorted by a taxi driver while trying to find a place to stay.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, rape	1	In February 2021, DHS expelled a young Honduran woman who had been kidnapped in Mexico, held captive for weeks and repeatedly raped, and abandoned by her traffickers in Arizona. After she was treated in a US hospital for her injuries, the woman was expelled to Nogales, Mexico, according to Chelsea Sachau, an Equal Justice Works Fellow with the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	1	In late May 2021, DHS expelled a 23-year-old Honduran asylum seeker who was seven-months pregnant after escaping kidnappers who planned to sell her unborn child. The kidnappers had told her that “newborns are extremely expensive in Mexico.” The woman was malnourished in captivity and experienced severe bleeding that made her fear for the health of her unborn child, according to Karla Vargas, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	3	In July 2021, a Mexican asylum seeker from Michoacán and two Nicaraguan asylum seekers disappeared from the shelter where they were staying in Tijuana while waiting for the opportunity to request U.S. asylum. All three men had been traveling alone. Another asylum seeker staying at the shelter reported concerns that the men had been kidnapped by Mexican cartel members.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	1	In June 2021, a transgender Honduran woman blocked from requesting protection was kidnapped in Tijuana by a man who had promised her a place to stay. He locked her inside a house with other captive migrants for two days before she managed to escape out of a window. As of July 2021 she was hiding at a Tijuana shelter, terrified to go outside for fear of reencountering the kidnapper, according to Emem Maurus, a lawyer with the Transgender Law Center.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers

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8/23/2021	assault	2	In August 2021, a Honduran woman stranded in Ciudad Acuña unable to request protection was offered shelter by a man who violently beat her after she and her 11-year-old son moved in with him. The man forced the child to watch as he attacked his mother, including beating her with a machete. They eventually managed to escape and sought help at a shelter. The shelter supervisor told Human Rights First that this man had previously convinced other desperate migrant women to move in with him and then abused them as well.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	An asylum-seeking mother and her 15-year-old son were kidnapped almost immediately after being expelled by DHS to Reynosa. They were forced into a van at gunpoint where they were held for two weeks, denied food, and threatened with being killed, until family members paid ransom. According to the woman's attorney, Taylor Levy, the woman has developed severe anxiety and panic attacks as a result.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	Asylum seekers at a shelter in Nuevo Laredo told Human Rights First in August 2021 that a family apparently attempting to reach the shelter had been kidnapped just outside the shelter's security wall. They reported hearing the screams of children as the family was abducted.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	Asylum seekers at a local government-run shelter in Ciudad Acuña reported that a family had been forced into a car outside the shelter in early August 2021.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	robbery, assault	2	A Honduran woman fleeing domestic violence with her eight-year-old son was repeatedly abused by her employer in August 2021 after being expelled by DHS to Reynosa and accepting an offer to work and live with a local family out of desperation. After suffering abuse at the hands of the employer, she escaped to live in the encampment, where she and her son remain in danger. The mother and son had been previously robbed of all their belongings in Mexico before they requested U.S. protection.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	23	Two Nicaraguan women reported that 23 Nicaraguan asylum seekers who had been traveling with them were kidnapped in Reynosa in July 2021. Police at a checkpoint handed the group, which included the women's partners, over to a cartel extorting family members in the United States for ransom. Some of the group remain kidnapped, while at least one of the kidnapped asylum seekers has gone missing after his family paid ransom to secure his release.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault	5	Mexican police officers attacked a group of five Jamaican LGBTQ asylum seekers in downtown Tijuana in June 2021. They threw three of the asylum seekers to the ground and tased one of them. The asylum seekers reported that the police targeted them because of their race, sexual orientation, and gender identity, according to Emem Maurus, a lawyer with the Transgender Law Center.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault	1	In Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila state police beat an Afro-Honduran asylum seeker, who had been expelled to Mexico by DHS, so severely that he is now blind in one eye. He said that the officers hit him in the head with a branch and stole all of his belongings. He did not attempt to report the incident to authorities for fear of further retaliation.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers

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8/23/2021	kidnapping, rape	2	Reynosa police refused to help a Black Honduran mother and her seven-year-old son after the family was kidnapped and the mother severely beaten and raped in spring 2021 in Reynosa. Instead, police taunted the mother, asking how much she would charge them for sex, according to Taylor Levy, an attorney assisting the family.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault	1	In May 2021, Mexican police detained and beat a 16-year-old Salvadoran boy for more than ten hours in Saltillo, Coahuila. His mother told Human Rights First that the officers beat and robbed him.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault, robbery	1	In August 2021, Coahuila police assaulted and robbed a Honduran woman who was waiting in Piedras Negras for an opportunity to request U.S. asylum. When she told the officers she would report them, they said, "that won't get you anything here. We are the law."	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	robbery, threats	2	In August 2021, Mexican police robbed and threatened a Guatemalan family outside a grocery store in Reynosa. The family is afraid to return to the store to buy medicine for their sick child for fear of encountering the police again.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault	1	A Honduran asylum seeker expelled to Ciudad Acuña by DHS was beaten by Coahuila state police in early August 2021. The man still had a bruise on his forearm a week after being pistol whipped by officers who had stopped him as he walked to a store to buy food just blocks from the shelter where he is staying.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	1	A Honduran woman remains separated from her eight-year-old daughter, who crossed alone into the United States after the woman was kidnapped following the family's expulsion by DHS to Reynosa. The woman, who was fleeing death threats after witnessing a murder in Honduras, had left her daughter with a friend to beg for money to buy food when she was kidnapped just steps from the encampment in Reynosa.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	armed threats, extortion	1	A Honduran woman sent her nine-year-old son across the border alone after the family was threatened at gunpoint by the owners of the house in Ciudad Acuña where they had rented a room. The owners asked for phone numbers of their U.S. family members in order to extort them and tried to prevent the family from leaving. After they managed to escape, the woman sent her son to the United States to protect him from harm and fled to Piedras Negras, where she was sleeping on the street as of August 2021.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault, robbery	1	A pregnant Afro-Honduran woman decided to send her six-year-old son across the border alone after DHS expelled the family in April 2021. The mother spent months in Monterrey waiting for the opportunity to request U.S. asylum and reunite with her son. Mexican police violently raided and robbed the apartment she shared with other migrants on multiple occasions. She suffered a miscarriage due to the stress of her living conditions and her son was deeply traumatized by the separation, according to Taylor Levy, an attorney assisting the family.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers

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8/23/2021	robbery, attempted kidnapping	2	After DHS expelled a Central American family seeking U.S. protection twice in April 2021, the family decided to send their minor son, a human trafficking survivor, across the border alone to protect him from violent crime in Ciudad Juárez, where the adult family members were robbed by Mexican police officers and narrowly escaped a kidnapping attempt. After crossing alone, the child experienced severe psychological trauma in ORR custody worrying about his family's safety, according to Taylor Levy, an attorney assisting the family.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	attempted kidnapping	2	A Honduran mother sent her nine-year-old son, who had fled forcible gang recruitment in Honduras, over the border alone after the family narrowly escaped a kidnapping attempt in Mexico. As of August 2021, the boy remained in ORR custody without a sponsor, soon to be transferred to foster care, according to Taylor Levy.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault, threats	1	Fearing for her teenage son's life, a Honduran mother sent him along across the border in May 2021 after gang members in Monterrey threatened, beat, and robbed him. The family had previously been turned away when they attempted to request asylum at the Eagle Pass port of entry, and relocated to Monterrey in search of work while they waited for U.S. asylum processing to resume. For months after the attack, gang members continued to appear outside the place where the family was staying in Monterrey, where the mother remains in danger.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	A Mexican asylum seeker remains missing after he attempted to cross the border between ports of entry in April 2021 because CBP turned him away from requesting asylum at the San Ysidro port of entry. His family told AI Otro Lado that they not heard from him since he attempted to cross the border and believe he was likely kidnapped by a cartel.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault	2	In June 2021, men armed with a bat and knives waiting near the border attacked a Honduran couple as they attempted to cross the border in Piedras Negras to request asylum – beating the husband with a bat and stabbing the wife in the stomach. The couple had fled attacks and death threats by gangs in Honduras and the woman had previously suffered a miscarriage on the traumatic trip through Mexico.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, assault	3	Kidnappers waiting near the border in Ciudad Acuña abducted a Honduran woman and her two young children in May 2021 as they approached the U.S. border to seek protection in the United States. The kidnappers beat and robbed the woman but released the family after they were unable to contact any of her family members to extort. The woman had previously survived an attack by gang members in Honduras that left her with a fractured skull.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, assault, robbery	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	In August 2021, Mexican immigration officials deported a Honduran asylum seeker to Guatemala. The man and his family had been approved for an exemption to the expulsion policy after having been kidnapped, assaulted, and robbed in Mexico. But Mexican immigration officials stopped and detained him in Ciudad del Carmen as he was traveling to join his family in Tijuana, where they were scheduled for an exemption appointment on August 19, according to Ginger Cline, an attorney with AI Otro Lado.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	In August 2021, asylum seekers in Nogales, Mexico attempting to request U.S. asylum were tricked into entering the vehicles of kidnappers promising to drive them to the Kino Border Initiative, which was helping asylum seekers access exemptions, according to accounts related to the Kino Border Initiative.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers

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8/23/2021	attempted kidnapping	1	A Mexican woman told the Kino Border Initiative that people pretending to be her attorneys arranged a meeting to discuss the asylum process, but when she and her son arrived at the arranged location, a group of men attempted to kidnap her son.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, sexual assault	3	A Mexican family that had been approved for an exemption from the expulsion policy was kidnapped by a taxi driver who was supposed to drive them from their shelter to the Brownville port of entry for their parole appointment in August 2021. The driver sexually assaulted the mother, who has epilepsy and other serious medical issues, in front of her two young sons, then abandoned the family on a road far outside of Matamoros, according to Charlene D'Cruz, an attorney assisting the family.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	attempted kidnapping, threats	3	A Guatemalan asylum seeker told Human Rights First that when she intervened to stop the kidnapping of a young boy and his father, a man threatened to come back and cut her and her child into pieces.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	assault, threats	1	Another asylum seeker said that in July 2021 a man who has been harassing and threatening her tried to set her tent on fire while she slept inside.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	2	A traumatized nine-year-old Honduran boy who was kidnapped with his mother and held captive in horrendous conditions for 10 days is suffering from the poor conditions in the encampment and has become lethargic and malnourished. His mother, who has an ovarian cyst, was in severe pain, but as of July 2021, neither could access medical care in Reynosa.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping, assault	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	According to AI Otro Lado, the burn and stab wounds of a Central American asylum seeker, who had been kidnapped and tortured, became infected due to poor sanitation and lack of medical treatment in the encampment in spring 2021.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
8/23/2021	kidnapping	1	In April 2021, DHS expelled a 38-week pregnant woman diagnosed with multiple infections who had fled Guatemala after her abusive partner severely beat her to try to abort her pregnancy. The woman had entered the United States to ask for protection immediately after escaping armed traffickers who had kidnapped her in Nogales and held her captive for 10 days without enough to eat. Border Patrol agents transported her to an Arizona hospital where she had a contraction, which the doctor determined had been triggered by stress. He also diagnosed her with a urinary and a vaginal infection. The woman provided details about her traumatic kidnapping during a highly limited Title 42 fear screening, but DHS expelled her to Mexico. She gave birth several days later to a sick child who nearly died in the hospital, according to Chelsea Sachau, a fellow with the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/human-rights-travesty-biden-administration-embrace-trump-asylum-expulsion-policy-endangers
9/3/2021	kidnapping	2	Honduran migrant Lesly Pineda, a factory worker, said she and her 11-year-old son Joan were kidnapped with eight other migrants in July and released only after she paid a \$2,000 ransom.	https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-09-03/biden-vowed-to-close-a-border-migrant-camp-then-under-his-watch-a-worse-one-emerged

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9/3/2021	kidnapping	1	Torres and the half a dozen migrants in his group were rescued by Border Patrol agents, who later expelled them to Reynosa, he said. He had crossed the border after being kidnapped at a local shop where he had gone to buy food and was held with scores of others for a month until he paid \$4,000 ransom.	https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-09-03/biden-vowed-to-close-a-border-migrant-camp-then-under-his-watch-a-worse-one-emerged
9/7/2021	kidnapping	489	En el norte del país, en Ciudad Camargo, estado de Tamaulipas, el 5 de septiembre, autoridades federales rescataron a 162 migrantes que estuvieron abandonados durante cinco días, sin alimentos, en una bodega. . . . En Cadereyta, estado de Nuevo León, el 31 de agosto de 2021, el INM y policías estatales "rescataron a 327 personas migrantes, entre ellos, 120 menores de edad que permanecían hacinados y en condiciones insalubres al interior de una casa de seguridad", según informó el canciller.	https://actualidad.rt.com/actualidad/403151-mexico-anunciar-rescate-750-migrantes-centroamericanos
9/11/2021	kidnapping	6	"Rescatan de un taxi a seis migrantes secuestrados."	https://www.elmanana.com/rescatan-de-un-taxi-a-6-migrantes-secuestrados/5418719
9/13/2021	rape, sexual assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, armed robbery, beatings	363	Asylum seekers from Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Venezuela who were expelled or blocked from seeking U.S. asylum due to Title 42 reported having been the victim of a violent attack or attempted attack in Mexico in the last month in an ongoing electronic survey conducted by Al Otro Lado.	Human Rights First review of survey data received by Al Otro Lado between August 18 and September 13, 2021.
9/16/2021	extortion	4	A Salvadoran asylum-seeking family was extorted by police in Tijuana who threatened them with deportation in August 2021. The same officers stopped the family and asked them for money on 5 separate occasions.	HRF communication with asylum seeker
9/16/2021	kidnapping	1	A Honduran man was kidnapped in Reynosa in May 2021 while awaiting the opportunity to request U.S. asylum.	HRF communication with asylum seeker
9/16/2021	attempted kidnapping	2	"Carolina (pseudonym) and her family fled southern Mexico and arrived in Nogales recently after a criminal group murdered two boys in their town, one of whom was a friend of Carolina's brother. After the murders, armed people entered Carolina's home and kidnapped her brother. She still hasn't heard anything from or about him. She continues receiving threatening phone calls, even after having changed her phone number. When they arrived in Nogales, they got into a taxi and soon noticed that the driver was not taking them where he was supposed to and was asking them intrusive questions. They managed to escape the taxi and called another one that took them to Kino."	Kino Border Initiative report
9/16/2021	threats	3	"A woman and her two children decided to leave their home to escape her abusive partner, whom she had just learned was involved in organized crime. She fled first to Tijuana, but noticed she was being followed by a mysterious car. Her partner sent her a message saying he had people everywhere following her. She quickly fled Tijuana and came to Nogales. On their first night in a local shelter, she saw a man standing outside the door of the shelter all night, and the shelter staff did not know who he was. She is afraid to stay in Nogales."	Kino Border Initiative report

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9/20/2021	kidnapping	2	"Chihuahua.- Dos personas migrantes de 14 y 15 años de edad, fueron rescatados por agentes de seguridad pública estatal y municipal, de dos captores adultos los cuales son de origen extranjero."	https://diario.mx/estado/rescatan-a-dos-menores-migrantes-secuestrados-por-hondurenos-20210920-1843378.html
9/20/2021	kidnapping	3	"El reporte de migrantes privados de la libertad, movilizó a elementos policiacos quienes confirmaron la situación y sitiaron el domicilio donde estaban las víctimas. Trascendió que tres migrantes, al parecer de nacionalidad guatemalteca, fueron secuestrados desde la semana pasada y los tenían en contra de su voluntad en casa de lámina y cartón. Dos de las víctimas eran menores de 14 años de edad."	http://tiempo.com.mx/noticia/rescatan_a_tres_migrantes_secuestrados_tras_operativo_en_la_aeropuerto_noticias_chihuahua/
9/27/2021	kidnapping	340	340 migrants, including 17 minors, who had been kidnapped and held captive in Chihuahua, Mexico were rescued by police on September 17, 2021	https://lasillarota.com/estados/esto-suenan-algunos-de-los-340-migrantes-secuestrados-en-chihuahua/564724
9/27/2021	kidnapping	1	"La Fiscalía de Distrito Zona Norte obtuvo una vinculación a proceso dictada en contra de Roberto M. A., quien fue detenido en términos de la flagrancia como probable responsable del secuestro de una mujer [ecuatoriana] cometido la tarde del pasado 14 de septiembre en Ciudad Juárez. "	http://puentelibre.mx/noticia/vinculacion_proceso_secuestro_migrante_ecuador_ciudad_juar ez/
9/28/2021	kidnapping	2	"That is what happened to Jorge Geovanni Díaz and his son hours after they were expelled from the U.S. to Tamaulipas...First, an armed group entered a warehouse where the coyotes kept them. "They attacked 182 people, they took us to the mountains, and there we were kidnapped for a month and 14 days," Díaz said. Once his family spent \$6,000 and Díaz managed to get out, he fell into the hands of the taxi driver who had to return him to the Reynosa bus station. "They were connected to the taxi driver. They traded me to another cartel in Matamoros," he said. He suffered a double kidnapping and had to pay \$6,000 more."	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/migrants-returned-mexico-describe-horror-kidnappings-torture-rape-rcna2300
9/28/2021	kidnapping	2	"Months ago, during a sudden downpour, a Honduran man and his son disappeared [from the Reynosa tent encampment]. 'A man said that when he came out of the bathroom, he saw a truck stop, a man get out, pull them in and take them away,' "	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/migrants-returned-mexico-describe-horror-kidnappings-torture-rape-rcna2300
9/29/2021	kidnapping	2	David Sanabria huyó de Honduras después de que lo perdió todo tras el paso de los huracanes Iota y Eta, pero nunca se imaginó que en su camino a Estados Unidos el coyote lo entregaría al crimen organizado en Reynosa, Tamaulipas. Aquí su historia.	https://www.telemundo.com/shows/hoy-dia/crimen-y-violencia/video/puro-machete-los-desmembraban-dice-un-migrante-que-sobrevivio-un-secuestro-en-mexico-tmvo10139046
9/30/2021	kidnapping, assault	2	"...Del otro lado de la línea, unos hombres le dijeron que tenían retenidos a su hermano David, de 32 años, y a su sobrina Ximena, de 4. Si quería volver a verlos con vida debía enviarles 7 mil 500 dólares en un plazo de ocho días...Cada vez que Denis decía que no tenía dinero, David se ganaba una golpiza. La niña, según el papá, lloraba al verle sangrando en el piso. David cuenta que cuando se cumplía el plazo y nadie pagaba los rescates de sus compañeros migrantes, los asesinaban ahí mismo, a un lado del campamento. "	https://www.heraldousa.com/migracion/2021/9/30/secuestros-mutilaciones-este-es-el-infierno-que-viven-los-migrantes-en-camino-eu-8920.html
10/1/2021	kidnapping	1	"Un migrante fue secuestrado por personas desconocidas y sus familiares fueron extorsionados con engaños de que había cruzado la frontera y estaba en Phoenix, Arizona, cuando era privado de su libertad en una vivienda de la colonia Romanza de esta ciudad."	https://www.expreso.com.mx/seccion/sonora/358210-levantan-a-un-migrante-y-extorsionan-a-su-familia-en-nogales.html

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10/1/2021	sexual assault	2	"Reports of sexual assault on young girls at the encampment reached Pastor Hector Silva, who allows migrant families living at the plaza to move into Senda de Vida when room is available."	https://myrgv.com/featured/2021/10/01/lights-out-electricity-shut-down-at-reynosa-migrant-encampment/
10/2/2021	kidnapping	2	"Dos migrantes michoacanos fueron liberados en un operativo policiaco realizado en una casa de seguridad de Tijuana donde se logró la captura de cuatro secuestradores, entre ellos un adolescente."	https://www.jornada.com.mx/notas/2021/10/02/estados/liberan-a-migrantes-michoacanos-secuestrados-en-baja-california/
10/2/2021	kidnapping	3	"La Fiscalía de Distrito Zona Centro obtuvo la vinculación a proceso de dos hombres originarios de Honduras acusados por el delito de secuestro agravado, cometido en perjuicio de tres inmigrantes de nacionalidad guatemalteca y hondureña, uno de ellos menor de edad."	https://www.elheraldodechihuahua.com.mx/policiaca/hondurenos-secuestraron-a-tres-migrantes-y-pedian-20-mil-dolares-extorsion-secuestro-migracion-vinculados-a-proceso-7286687.html
10/4/2021	kidnapping	13	"Autoridades mexicanas buscan a 13 migrantes que habrían desaparecido cerca de la frontera con Estados Unidos, después de haber sido retenidos por traficantes de personas, informó este lunes en un comunicado la fiscalía del estado nortero mexicano de Chihuahua."	https://www.eleconomista.com.mx/politica/Autoridades-mexicanas-buscan-a-13-migrantes-cerca-de-frontera-con-Estados-Unidos-20211004-0129.html
10/7/2021	kidnapping	5	"Cinco extranjeros en estado de migrante fueron rescatados en la ciudad de Reynosa, Tamaulipas, por elementos de la policía estatal y en la acción detuvieron a dos individuos que los llevaban secuestrados."	https://www.excelsior.com.mx/nacional/liberan-a-cinco-migrantes-nicaraguenses-secuestrados-en-reynosa/1475840
10/7/2021	kidnapping, robbery	1	I.B. is a 35-year-old man from Ghana. He fled his home after an armed criminal group entered his home and murdered his uncle; I.B. had previously reported the criminal group to the police. I.B. fled to South America, ultimately journeying to Mexico. In Mexico, I.B. was kidnapped and held for three days. Mexican police have stopped and searched I.B. on two occasions and have stolen his wallet. I.B. has had difficulty finding a job in Mexico on account of his race and nationality, and he has been the victim of racist comments.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/PrecautionaryMeasuresRequestUnitedStatesTitle42.pdf
10/7/2021	kidnapping	4	N.I.C.B. is a 34-year-old mother from El Salvador.10 N.I.C.B. fled gang violence in El Salvador with her husband, J.J.B.B., and two children, K.I.B.C., who is 12 years old, and A.E.B.C., who is 8 years old. Gang members threatened to kill her and her family, and they beat her and her husband. In March 2021, the family tried to enter the United States from Reynosa, Mexico, to seek asylum. When they encountered U.S. officials at the border, the officials called N.I.C.B., her husband, and her children "a bunch of criminals." The officials expelled the family into Mexico in the middle of the night. They were kidnapped almost immediately after and kept in a locked storage room with insufficient food for 20 days. The kidnappers sexually harassed N.I.C.B. constantly.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/PrecautionaryMeasuresRequestUnitedStatesTitle42.pdf
10/7/2021	assault, attempted kidnapping	3	N.M.M.M. is a 35-year-old mother from Guatemala.11 She fled Guatemala with her 11-year-old son, C.A.M.M. and four-year-old daughter, D.L.M.M., due to threats made against her family by organized criminal gangs. N.M.M.M. has been the victim of crime in Mexico as well. Three men broke into the home where she was staying and assaulted her. Her son was the victim of an attempted kidnapping.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/PrecautionaryMeasuresRequestUnitedStatesTitle42.pdf

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10/9/2021	kidnapping	1	He never intended to leave El Salvador – he lived “peacefully” in his home country and even had his own business. But everything changed for Martin when he was raped. “I am from the LGBTQ community, I am gay,” Martin said. “And in my country, I suffered discrimination and violent because of that. “So, at that moment I had no choice but to take the savings I had and try to flee to a more liberal place, where they don’t push you aside, where they don’t see you badly.” He left El Salvador on 5 March and managed to make it to Monterrey, Mexico – but his plans quickly disintegrated. He tried to cross into the United States on three separate occasions. Each time, he was sent to Reynosa in Mexico. “Then the last time, I was kidnapped as I was leaving the bridge,” Martin said. “Someone told me that he could help me, made me get into a car and took me to a house where they locked me up for several days.	https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2021/10/09/el-salvador-doctors-without-borders-gay-refugee/
10/14/2021	kidnapping	3	The vehicle in which four migrants and their alleged smuggler were traveling from Chihuahua City to Juarez was cut off by two other cars. A shooting in which the driver died, and a Honduran was injured, ensued; the assailants commandeered the migrants and drove away with them, according to the reports.	https://www.borderreport.com/hot-topics/border-crime/expert-worries-mexican-gangs-may-be-stealing-each-others-human-cargo-putting-migrant-lives-at-risk/
10/21/2021	kidnapping	1	In mid-October 2021, DHS expelled a Honduran asylum seeker who had sought protection near McAllen, Texas immediately after escaping kidnappers who had abducted him outside a grocery store in Reynosa, Mexico while he was buying tortillas and avocados for his wife. DHS turned him over to Mexican immigration authorities, who flew him to Villahermosa then bused him into Guatemala, where he remains stranded. He told Human Rights First he is sick with fear and desperate to reunite with his wife, who is still in the Reynosa tent encampment where the couple had been waiting together for U.S. asylum processing to resume at the port of entry.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	kidnapping	1	A young Honduran woman who attempted to request asylum at a U.S. port of entry in July 2021 was kidnapped immediately after DHS turned her away. Members of a criminal organization who repeatedly raped her and trafficked her for sexual exploitation for three months, according to a humanitarian aid worker assisting her. She remains in danger in Mexico.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	kidnapping, torture	2	A Central American couple blocked from seeking asylum at a U.S. port of entry was kidnapped and tortured in Tijuana in summer 2021. The kidnappers raped the wife repeatedly, beat the husband, and demanded ransom from their family members. The couple managed to escape but remains in danger in Tijuana as of mid-October 2021, when Human Rights First last spoke with them.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	assault	2	A 13-year-old Honduran girl and her asylum-seeking father were assaulted and robbed by gang members after DHS expelled them under Title 42. The family was forced to hide in a mountainous area for several days afraid of encountering the kidnappers who targeted them and other migrants on a train. They remain in danger in Mexico, according to Shoshana Kushner, an attorney with Immigrant Defenders Law Center.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	attempted kidnapping	2	Armed men tried to kidnap a Guatemalan asylum seeker and his three-year-old daughter immediately after DHS expelled them to a Mexican border city in August 2021. The family managed to escape, but others who had been expelled with them did not, according to a humanitarian aid worker assisting the family.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks

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10/19/2021	kidnapping	1	A 59-year-old asylum-seeking grandmother from Honduras was kidnapped soon after DHS expelled her to Piedras Negras in summer 2021. When Human Rights First researchers last spoke to her in October 2021, she remained in danger in Mexico unable to request asylum.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	rape, kidnapping	1	An unaccompanied child who was unable to access the U.S. asylum process due to Title 42 was raped and kidnapped from the hostel where she was waiting to request protection by men who told her they were going to kill her, according to Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	rape	1	An asylum seeker fleeing gender-based violence as was raped at gunpoint in front of her son, causing her to develop an infection, after DHS expelled her under Title 42. She remains in danger in Mexico, according to Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	kidnapping, rape	1	An INM officer kidnapped and raped a Honduran asylum-seeking woman near the border in Ciudad Juárez and sold her to a cartel that held her captive. Though she managed to escape, the woman has been unable to request U.S. asylum due to the Title 42 policy and remains in danger in Mexico, terrified the cartel members, who have photos of her, will find her again, according to Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	robbery	3	Three Nicaraguan political dissidents, whom DHS twice expelled to Mexico in August 2021, have been strip-searched and robbed by Mexican government officials on multiple occasions. In mid-August 2021, DHS turned them over to INM officers who verbally abused them and deprived them of food in detention, forced them to strip naked, and stole their money and valuables. In late August 2021, Mexican police boarded a bus that the three were riding near the border with Yuma, Arizona, forced them off the bus, strip-searched them, and stole their money. The dissidents remain in danger in Mexico, unable to access the U.S. asylum process, according to Anaís Catalina, an advocate assisting them.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	rape	1	INM officers extorted and raped a Honduran asylum seeking-woman immediately after the U.S. government expelled her to Reynosa in August 2021. She told Human Rights First that INM officers demanded payment from her and the others with whom she was expelled, threatening them with deportation, then locked the women in a separate room, forced them to remove their clothes, and raped them. "We did what they asked of us out of fear because they threatened to turn us over to a human trafficking network," she said.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	kidnapping	3	An INM officer in Tijuana kidnapped a Honduran family of three who had made multiple attempts to request U.S. asylum. The officer offered the family a ride then held them at gunpoint demanding money and information about U.S. family members. The officer handed the family over to men who held them captive, sexually abused and beat them so severely that one family member lost consciousness. They managed to escape but remain in danger in Mexico, according to Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks

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10/21/2021	extortion	3	Since August 2021, police officers in Tijuana have repeatedly extorted and threatened a Salvadoran asylum-seeking family blocked from seeking U.S. protection because of Title 42. The family told Human Rights First that they are terrified of encountering the officers, who have also threatened to deport them.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	rape, sexual assault, beatings	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	In September and October 2021, CBP has denied more than 15 humanitarian parole requests submitted by AI Otro Lado on behalf of its clients to the Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and San Ysidro ports of entry. These requests include: a Honduran woman who was raped by Mexican police, sex trafficked, and forced to work in massage parlor; a Central American asylum seeker who was beaten by Mexican police ... Mexican LGBTQ+ siblings who were sexually assaulted	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	kidnapping	1	A Mexican asylum-seeking woman committed suicide in October 2021 while stranded in Tijuana, unable to request U.S. asylum due to Title 42. Desperate for protection from cartels that had kidnapped, beaten, and tortured her in southern Mexico, the woman had attempted to cross the U.S. border between ports of entry twice, but was kidnapped near the border both times, according to Nicole Ramos, an attorney with AI Otro Lado.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	rape	1	A Central American child was raped in the Reynosa tent encampment in September 2021, according to Charlene D'Cruz, an attorney with Lawyers for Good Government.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	rape	1	A 14-year-old girl was raped in the Tijuana tent encampment in summer 2021. A Honduran asylum seeker who witnessed the rape told Human Rights First she had to flee the encampment because of further threats by the rapist.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	beating, attempted kidnapping	3	In late July 2021, armed men broke into the Tijuana shelter where a Honduran family was staying, beat the family, and attempted to kidnap the children. The family had fled death threats in Honduras by gang members who had violently raped the pregnant mother, causing her to miscarry. The family escaped but found that other shelters in Tijuana were full. They are now paying to rent a room and told Human Rights First they are terrified to go outside for fear of encountering the kidnappers.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/21/2021	kidnapping	1	An asylum-seeking woman from Honduras was denied medical attention in Matamoros after injuring her leg escaping kidnappers and contracting gangrene that was so severe that a bone in her leg was visible. A doctor at a volunteer-run clinic had informed the woman that her leg would need to be amputated or she would die, but a hospital in Matamoros turned her away, claiming they lacked sufficient bedspace, according to Charlene D'Cruz, an attorney with Lawyers for Good Government.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/illegal-and-inhumane-biden-administration-continues-embrace-trump-title-42-policy-attacks
10/27/2021	kidnapping	4	Cuatro ciudadanos nicaragüenses fueron secuestrados por supuestos integrantes de la organización criminal Los Zetas en México. Los nicas pretendían cruzar la frontera con los Estados Unidos. Según información de medios oficialistas los nicas son originarios del municipio de Corinto, en Chinandega.	https://radio-corporacion.com/blog/archivos/119723/cuatro-nicaraguenses-secuestrados-por-organizacion-criminal-los-zetas/

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10/28/2021	threats, assault	3	One family from Honduras arrived at KBI recently after attempting to unsuccessfully cross the border between Reynosa and McAllen. They were being followed by gang members in Honduras and could no longer stay. The mother and daughter were expelled separately from the father, and the father was beaten and robbed by alleged agents of Mexican immigration when he was expelled back into Reynosa. He was later threatened by the local mafia for walking in the wrong area. The family fled into southern Mexico because it was too dangerous for them to wait at the border. While they were there, they received threats from local organized crime and had to move again. They arrived in Nogales hoping to be able to stay safe here. They do not have the option to return, as they recently received news that the father's mother had been killed in Honduras after they had escaped, and several other family members had been threatened.	Communication from Kino Border Initiative
10/31/2021	kidnapping	25	Mexican military personnel liberated 25 kidnapped migrants from a house in Matamoros.	https://www.hoytamaulipas.net/notas/474405/Rescatan-a-25-migrantes-en-Matamoros.html
11/8/2021	kidnapping	4	In spring 2021, armed men kidnapped a group of Honduran women and children who had been waiting in Nogales for the opportunity to request U.S. asylum, forcing them into cars. One mother and her three-year-old daughter managed to escape and ran into a convenience store. Someone in the store escorted the family to a taxi, but the kidnappers followed the family until they arrived at the Kino Border Initiative office.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/BorderRestrictionsLift%2CBlockingAsylumSeekersContinues.pdf
11/8/2021	kidnapping, assault	1	A Guatemalan asylum-seeker was kidnapped soon after DHS expelled him and his seven-year-old daughter near the Lukeville port of entry at night in spring 2021. When the man went to buy food for his daughter, four men covered his face with a cloth, beat him, and held him captive for 15 days, during which time his daughter was forced to enter the United States alone.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/BorderRestrictionsLift%2CBlockingAsylumSeekersContinues.pdf
11/8/2021	attempted kidnapping, assault	5	A Mexican asylum-seeking family with three young daughters, ages eight, five, and two, who remain blocked from protection due to Title 42, narrowly escaped an attempted kidnapping in Nogales in October 2021. Three men dressed in black in a truck rushed the family, threatening to take the children. The mother and children managed to flee to a hotel while the father fought off the attackers, sustaining neck and back injuries for which he required hospital treatment.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/BorderRestrictionsLift%2CBlockingAsylumSeekersContinues.pdf
11/8/2021	kidnapping, assault	1	In fall 2021, for instance, an asylum-seeking teenage child told Florence Project that members of an organized criminal group had kidnapped and tortured him near Nogales.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/BorderRestrictionsLift%2CBlockingAsylumSeekersContinues.pdf
11/8/2021	assault, robbery	2	Florence Project has also assisted several Mexican teenagers who had been assaulted, beaten, and robbed in Nogales after CBP officers turned them away from the port of entry.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/BorderRestrictionsLift%2CBlockingAsylumSeekersContinues.pdf
11/9/2021	kidnapping	49	El Instituto Nacional de Migración Reynosa, de México, informó que rescataron a 49 migrantes secuestrados. Estaban en una casa a ocho kilómetros (km) de EE.UU. La Marina de México informó que localizó el lugar del secuestro gracias a una denuncia anónima. Había tres menores.	https://twitter.com/Sanchezmendieta/status/1458141287941492737

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11/12/2021	kidnapping	2	Cada segundo que pasa, incrementa la angustia en la familia Pravia Ruiz en la ciudad de Matagalpa, Nicaragua, porque Flor de María Pravia Ruiz y su sobrino Lesther Daniel Mejía Pravia, dos matagalpinos que están secuestrados en México y sus captores dieron un plazo de 72 horas, que vence este sábado 13 de noviembre, para que les envíen 13,000 dólares para liberarlos.	https://mosaicocsi.com/angustia-por-matagalpinos-secuestrados-en-mexico/
11/17/2021	kidnapping	54	En Nogales, Sonora, una denuncia anónima permitió rescatar a medio centenar de migrantes originarios de Honduras, Guatemala y Nicaragua. En total fueron 54 los migrantes rescatados.	https://noticieros.televisa.com/ultimas-noticias/rescatan-migrantes-centroamericanos-secuestrados-en-nogales-sonora/
11/18/2021	kidnapping	2	Policías de Investigación adscritos a la Fiscalía de Distrito Zona Norte, llevaron a cabo un operativo para rescatar a dos personas originarias de Guatemala que supuestamente estaban privadas de la libertad, en una vivienda de la colonia Galeana	https://diario.mx/juarez/liberan-a-migrantes-secuestrados-y-torturados-en-la-galeana-arrestan-a-dos-20211118-1863976.html https://actualidad.rt.com/actualidad/410836-policia-mexicana-rescata-ciudad-juarez-migrantes-secuestrados
11/18/2021	rape	1	A mother and her daughter fled El Salvador after being abused by a public official. When the mother reported the crimes, her abuser attempted to imprison her, but she managed to escape and flee the country. With no access to asylum at ports of entry, she attempted to cross without inspection between Reynosa, Tamaulipas and McAllen, Texas so that she could turn herself in to immigration agents and request asylum while in their custody. She was kidnapped by her smugglers, held for several days without food, and raped before she was rescued by police. She managed to cross into the U.S. where she attempted to request asylum but was ignored. She was expelled into Nogales, Sonora and had no social support, putting her and her daughter in a state of homelessness while they waited for the border to open.	Communication from Kino Border Initiative
11/19/2021	kidnapping	27	Rescatan a 27 migrantes secuestrados en un hotel de Ciudad Juárez	https://www.telemundo.com/noticias/noticias-telemundo-en-la-noche/inmigracion/video/rescatan-27-migrantes-secuestrados-en-un-hotel-de-ciudad-juarez-tmvo10300754
11/19/2021	kidnapping	12	Policías municipales de Ciudad Juárez y agentes de la Fiscalía de Chihuahua rescataron a 12 migrantes las últimas 24 horas, incluidas dos mujeres y un menor de edad, en tres operativos distintos en un hotel, una casa de seguridad y en la zona desértica entre los municipios del Valle de Juárez y Ojinaga colindante al río Bravo.	https://www.jornada.com.mx/notas/2021/11/19/estados/rescatan-a-12-migrantes-en-tres-operativos-en-chihuahua/
11/20/2021	kidnapping	3	Ana Gabriela Nicaragua Lopez, a Nicaraguan political dissident, was kidnapped with her husband and son by the Cartel de Juarez.	https://noticieros.televisa.com/ultimas-noticias/liberan-a-opositora-de-nicaragua-secuestrada-en-mexico/

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11/21/2021	kidnapping, extortion	12	Julio Ampié, who had been a political prisoner in Nicaragua, was kidnapped in Reynosa with his wife and two children in July 2021. INM had previously extorted him for \$600 in El Guasaule. Mexican police entered the hotel room where they were staying in Reynosa, loaded them into a van, and brought them to a small house where there were more migrants, then sold them to a cartel for \$3,000. In October 2021, 7 Nicaraguan victims, including Gerlenis Jimenez and Maria Teresa Delgadillo, were freed after \$70,000 of ransom was paid to the kidnappers. Melvin Francisco Martinez was kidnapped at the end of August 2021 and managed to escape after 10 days.	https://www.laprensa.com.ni/2021/11/21/suplemento/la-prensa-domingo/2913189-nicas-secuestrados-cuando-el-sueno-americano-se-convierte-en-pesadilla
11/22/2021	kidnapping	5	Al arribar al lugar del reporte, escucharon gritos de auxilio de varias personas provenientes de una de las habitaciones de la casa; procedieron al rescate de cinco indocumentados, quienes manifestaron que los propietarios de la vivienda los tenían privados de su libertad desde hacía más de cinco días, por lo que fueron resguardados y puestos a salvo.	https://diario.mx/juarez/liberan-a-migrantes-secuestrados-20211121-1865181.html
12/3/2021	kidnapping	3	Tras un reporte de personas privadas de su libertad en un domicilio ubicado en el cruce de las calles Isla Jasu y Ramón Aranda, en la colonia Chihuahua, elementos policiacos arribaron al lugar. Al llegar los oficiales escucharon gritos de ayuda provenientes del domicilio, por lo que de inmediato ingresaron y encontraron a tres hombres quienes argumentaron ser migrantes y que tenían una semana retenidos en contra de su voluntad en dicho inmueble, por dos sujetos, los cuales les pidieron dinero a sus familiares a cambio de su libertad, acumulando un total de 15 mil dólares.	https://www.arnoticias.com.mx/pub/28734?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter
12/3/2021	rape, sexual assault, kidnapping, human trafficking, armed robbery, beatings	679	Asylum seekers from Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela and other countries who were expelled or blocked from seeking U.S. asylum due to Title 42 reported having been the victim of a violent attack or attempted attack in Mexico in the last month in an ongoing electronic survey conducted by Al Otro Lado.	Human Rights First review of survey data received by Al Otro Lado between September 14 and December 2, 2021.
12/5/2021	kidnapping	5	Cinco migrantes procedentes de Guatemala y del estado de Veracruz fueron secuestrados por un chofer de taxi en el aeropuerto internacional Abraham González de Ciudad Juárez, estuvieron retenidos en una vivienda de la colonia Villas de Alcalá durante cinco días, hasta que policías municipales concretaron su rescate, informó este lunes la Secretaría de Seguridad Pública Municipal (SSPM).	https://www.jornada.com.mx/notas/2021/12/13/estados/autoridades-de-juarez-liberan-a-5-migrantes-de-guatemala-secuestrados/
12/7/2021	kidnapping	2	Dos nicaragüenses más fueron secuestrados en México por uno de los carteles considerados como los más peligrosos: Los Zetas. Se trata de Bismarck José Contreras y Erling Francisco Tinoco, originarios de Estelí. Ambos huían del asedio.	https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/nacion/68655-cartel-mexicano-secuestra-a-nicas-que-huian-de-persecucion-politica/
12/9/2021	kidnapping	2	A Nicaraguan asylum seeker and his adult son were kidnapped in December 2021 and held for 7 days until their family paid ransom after CBP expelled them to San Luis Colorado, Mexico under Title 42, according to the man's nephew, who is also seeking asylum.	HRF interview with asylum seeker

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12/11/2021	kidnapping	3	La Fiscalía de Distrito zona Norte obtuvo la auto de vinculación a proceso en contra de Brayan Jasiel R.C., al acreditar su posible participación en el delito de secuestro, cometido en agravio de tres personas migrantes en Ciudad Juárez. Durante la audiencia inicial, el agente del Ministerio Público expuso ante el órgano jurisdiccional que el imputado realizó actos de violencia física y moral en contra de tres masculinos de origen extranjero, quienes fueron retenidos y amenazados para que familiares depositaran importantes cantidades de dinero a cambio de su libertad.	https://www.elheraldodejuarez.com.mx/policia/ca/procesan-a-imputado-por-secuestro-de-tres-personas-migrantes-ciudad-juarez-7596616.html
12/12/2021	kidnapping	50	Los municipales encontraron a 50 centroamericanos: 34 adultos y 16 menores de edad, entre ellos un bebé de un año y seis meses. En total, 35 hombres y 15 mujeres.	https://jornadabc.com.mx/region/liberan-a-50-en-nl/
12/18/2021	kidnapping	1	La Fiscalía de Distrito Zona Norte en Chihuahua obtuvo un auto de vinculación a proceso en contra de los imputados José 'R' y Adaniber 'C' por el delito de secuestro agravado de una persona migrante, a quien mantuvieron en cautiverio en un domicilio de la colonia Del Carmen en Ciudad Juárez.	https://www.milenio.com/estados/chihuahua- vinculan-proceso-responsables-secuestro- migrante
12/20/2021	kidnapping/potential murder	13	Trece migrantes que fueron secuestrados en Chihuahua pudieron haber sido asesinados durante una guerra territorial entre cárteles de drogas, un señal más de un conflicto cada vez más violento entre bandas rivales por las rutas de contrabando en este estado del norte de México que colinda con Texas, según fuentes mexicanas y estadounidenses.	https://www.dallasnews.com/espanol/al- dia/inmigracion/2021/12/20/temen-que-13- migrantes-hayan-sido-asesinados-por-carteles- en-la-frontera-entre-texas-y-chihuahua/
12/21/2021	kidnapping	1	De acuerdo a la información proporcionada por la víctima de origen peruano, los referidos detenidos lo mantuvieron en cautiverio en un domicilio de las calles Níquel y Joaquín Terrazas de la colonia Del Carmen, de donde logró escapar.	https://www.elheraldodejuarez.com.mx/policia/ca/migrante-secuestrado-se-escapa-y- encuentra-a-policias-arrestan-2-polleros- 7638283.html
12/21/2021	kidnapping	5	Dos hombres fueron vinculados a proceso por el secuestro de cinco migrantes en la colonia Villas de Alcala, informo la Fiscalia Zona Norte. De acuerdo con el report, Juan de Dios H.S. y Jamie Daniel C.M. amenazaron a las victimas con un arma y las mantuvieron en cautiverio, exigiendo a los familiares despositos dinero a cambio de su liberacion.	https://netnoticias.mx/juarez/los-vinculan-a- proceso-por-secuestrar-a-migrantes/
12/27/2021	kidnapping	27	Noviembre no fue el mejor mes para intentar cruzar a Estados Unidos. Unos 27 nicaragüenses sufrieron secuestro, al menos cinco familias enteras entre ellos y sus familiares en el país en vez de recibir remesas tal y como lo esperaban al despedirlos, se vieron obligados a buscar dinero para salvar sus vidas.	https://nicaraguainvestiga.com/nacion/70633- nacion-al-menos-27-nicas-secuestrados-en-30- dias/
1/1/2022	murder	1	Un hombre haitiano, identificado como Casseus Franck, fue asesinado el fin de semana en Tijuana, Baja California, y su cuerpo identificado por el Servicio Médico Forense (Semefo), pero hasta ahora ningún familiar ha reclamado su cuerpo. Franck fue asesinado cerca de las 15:00 horas del sábado, cuando el o los agresores le dispararon en la cabeza al migrante. El ataque ocurrió en el puente peatonal "México", entre la calle Miguel Negrete y vía Rápida Poniente, en la zona centro de Tijuana.	https://www.reforma.com/aplicacioneslibre/pr eacceso/articulo/default.aspx? rval=1&urlredi rect=/identifican-a-haitiano-asesinado-nadie-lo- reclama/ar2325510?referer=-- 7d616165662f3a3a6262623b726760657a6770 737a6778743b767a783a--
1/4/2022	kidnapping	4	Familiares de cuatro nicaragüenses que fueron secuestrados a mediados de diciembre de 2021 por una banda criminal en México, pagaron 12 mil dólares para lograr la liberación de los jóvenes que salieron del país para cumplir el sueño americano.	https://ipnicaragua.com/pagaron-12-mil- dolares-para-liberar-a-migrantes-nicaraguenses- secuestrados-en-mexico/
1/4/2022	kidnapping	30	Alberto Xicoténcatl, director de la Casa del Migrante informó en el año 2021 se registraron alrededor de 15 secuestros de migrantes, sobre todo en municipios fronterizos como Acuña y Piedras Negras. No obstante, en cada uno de estos casos, hubo más de una víctima de secuestro.	https://www.elsiglodetorreon.com.mx/noticia/ 2022/en-2021-hubo-alrededor-de-15- secuestros-de-migrantes-en-coahuila.html

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Date reported	Type of Incident	No. of victims	Description	Source
1/10/2022	kidnapping	1	A Honduran asylum seeker was kidnapped near the Reynosa tent encampment by men who forced him into a van and held him captive until his employer negotiated for his release. DHS had expelled the man to Reynosa under Title 42 in October 2021 after he had requested U.S. asylum.	HRF communication with asylum seeker
1/13/2022	kidnapping	1	In January 2022, a 19-year-old Honduran woman was kidnapped from an informal tent encampment in Reynosa while blocked from seeking asylum due to the Title 42 policy, according to Charlene D'Cruz, an attorney with Lawyers for Good Government.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping	1	DHS used Title 42 to expel to Mexico an 18-year-old Nicaraguan political dissident who had twice been kidnapped there, leaving him stranded in danger. In November 2021, in the Mexican border city of Nogales, the young man managed to escape the second kidnapping and flee across the border to request asylum. But DHS officers expelled him back to Nogales using Title 42, where he remains in hiding from his kidnappers, according to KBI	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping	1	A Honduran asylum seeker is stranded in danger in Tijuana where Mexican immigration agents turned him over to a cartel that held him hostage in horrendous conditions for days following his expulsion under Title 42 to Mexico. He told Human Rights First that the kidnappers beat other migrants in front of him, killing one, and that he was only released after his family paid ransom. The man had fled threats in Honduras by gang members who murdered his father	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping, assault	2	A transgender Honduran woman, who was expelled by DHS to Mexico under Title 42 even though she had been kidnapped there with another transgender woman who remains missing, is stranded in danger in Mexico. The woman managed to escape after being kidnapped in Ciudad Juárez in summer 2021 with her friend. When the woman, who had fled torture and threats in Honduras due to her gender identity, attempted to request asylum at the border, a DHS officer told her “the border is closed” and that the United States is “not giving asylum.” After being expelled to Mexico, the woman was immediately beaten and robbed, and a Mexican police officer refused to take her complaint. She told Human Rights First that she does not know if her friend, who was unable to escape the kidnapping, is still alive	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping	2	A Central American asylum-seeking woman and her children, who were kidnapped and held for ransom for eight days in August 2021, remain in danger in Reynosa due to Title 42 restrictions on asylum at the border. The woman told Human Rights First that uniformed men she believed to be Mexican police officers had forced her family off a bus and turned them over to the cartel that held them captive.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	attempted kidnapping	2	In November 2021, a Honduran woman and her five-year-old son escaped a kidnapping attempt by armed men who chased them soon after DHS returned the family to Reynosa under Title 42. The woman told Human Rights First that she had entered the United States to seek asylum after fleeing death threats by gang members who killed her relatives in Honduras.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping, rape, assault	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	A Haitian man reported in late November 2021 that he and his family were kidnapped, beaten, and robbed in Mexico, and his wife raped in front of their child. The man provided his account in a survey conducted by AI Otro Lado of migrants and asylum seekers stranded in Mexico due to current policies restricting access to asylum in the United States.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum

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1/13/2022	assault, robbery	(counted in AI Otro Lado survey data above)	196 Haitians reported abuse by Mexican police within the past month. A Haitian migrant wrote, “The police have threatened me at gunpoint many times, abused me, and stolen money from me and because of this I am afraid to walk in the street in Mexico.” Other Haitian migrants targeted by Mexican authorities include a man robbed at gunpoint by Mexican police, a migrant robbed by knife-wielding police officers, and a migrant who could not afford food for days after uniformed Mexican officers robbed him.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping	1	A 19-year-old Honduran woman with a high-risk pregnancy who was initially denied humanitarian parole in December 2021 went missing by the time CBP reconsidered its faulty decision. The woman who was eight-months pregnant and experiencing severe bleeding, had been denied medical treatment in Ciudad Acuña and attempted three times to enter the United States to seek protection. Each time she was expelled by DHS to Ciudad Acuña under Title 42. By the time CBP reversed its initial parole denial following advocacy by Charlene D’Cruz, an attorney with Lawyers for Good Government, the woman had disappeared and remains missing as of January 2022.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping	1	In December 2021, a Nicaraguan asylum seeker who was kidnapped and tortured by electrocution and beatings for three weeks in Reynosa in November 2021 did not pass a RMX non-refoulment interview and was returned to Ciudad Juárez by CBP under RMX. The man reported to Human Rights First that photos and audio recordings of the kidnappers beating him were sent to his aunt in the United States, demanding a \$5,000 ransom and threatening to “cut him to pieces,” if she did not pay.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping	1	A Nicaraguan asylum seeker, who had been kidnapped and held for ransom in Mexico after being expelled there under Title 42, did not pass an RMX non-refoulment interview and was returned to Ciudad Juárez by CBP in December 2021. The man told the asylum officer conducting the fear interview that he had been kidnapped near the border after being expelled by DHS under Title 42, held captive for eight days, and denied food for more than 24 hours until his family paid a \$3,000 ransom. “They said, ‘If you don’t pay, we’ll kill you,’” he told Human Rights First. Mexican police had also twice extorted the man. On one occasion, the Mexican police officers, who extorted and threatened him and other migrants on a bus, abducted two migrant girls.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
1/13/2022	kidnapping	2	A Honduran asylum seeker and her son, who were subjected to RMX 1.0, were kidnapped for a second time in Mexico in summer 2021 while waiting to be removed from the program and held in horrific conditions for months. The woman developed a painful neurological condition in captivity that caused half of her face to become paralyzed. The family had previously been kidnapped and held for ransom immediately after the Trump administration returned them to Mexico under RMX in 2019.	https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/shameful-record-biden-administration-s-use-trump-policies-endangers-people-seeking-asylum
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