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## **ATF ARRESTS MEXICANS IN TEXAS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

MCALLEN, Texas – Special agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) have arrested three Mexican nationals after they were found to be in possession of six firearms, 2,000 rounds of ammunition, personal use cocaine and \$640,000 in cash.

On March 31, ATF agents assisting the San Juan Police Department at a residence in San Juan, Texas, discovered three armed Mexican men at the residence. Two of the men, Luis Estrada, 28, and Miguel Cantu, 21, were in the United States illegally and the other, Gabriel Juarez, 53, had a border crosser card.

ATF arrested all of them on federal charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. Federal law prohibits illegal aliens and unauthorized non-immigrant aliens from possessing firearms or ammunition.

Special Agent in Charge, J. Dewey Webb stated, “ATF is committed to reducing violent crime on the border and we will continue to pursue violators to make our streets safer.”

More information about ATF and its programs to reduce violent crime mission is at [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov).

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