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**PC 228**  
**U. S. Border Patrol**  
**Photo Collection, 1930 - 1966**

**DESCRIPTION**

This small collection consists of over fifty photos depicting people, activities, and facilities associated with the Border Patrol division at Nogales, Arizona. Two folders show men who worked as agents and one folder contains 6 images dealing with two murder cases investigated by the Border Patrol. An additional folder consists of displays of various illegal drugs and substances seized by the Border Patrol. Two photos are especially noteworthy as they depict group images of Border Patrol uniformed personnel from 1930 and 1936.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

In 1924 Congress passed the Department of Labor Appropriation Act providing for funding to establish a Border Patrol on the Mexican border. Since its inception the Border Patrol has been involved with illegal smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people over an area of nearly 8,000 miles. Agnes and Leonard Viles were employed with the Border Patrol at Nogales, Arizona during the 1940s. Agnes worked as a Spanish language interpreter. They collected these images during their association with the Border Patrol.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Dorothy Wilson in 2004.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in January 2005.