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# News Release

## **MS-13 Gang Member Arrested Attempting Illegal Entry**

**CALEXICO, Calif.** – U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the [El Centro Sector](#) arrested a documented “Mara Salvatrucha” gang member, Sunday evening.

At approximately 6:43 p.m., agents encountered two individuals attempting to make an illegal entry into the United States, just east of the Calexico Port of Entry. Agents determined that these individuals did not have the proper documentation to be present in the U.S. legally. Both were placed under arrest and transported to the El Centro Sector Processing Center to be processed.

Record checks revealed that one of the individuals, a 26-year-old male, is a documented member of the “MS-13” street gang, a transnational organized crime group. This individual has prior immigration violations and was previously ordered to be removed from the U.S. by an immigration judge on April 22, 2016. His prior order of removal will be reinstated. Both undocumented individuals will be processed for removal.

“The El Centro Sector Agents make life rough on felonious gang members who want to make our country their home,” said El Centro Sector Chief Patrol Agent Gregory Bovino. “We’ll do our utmost for the taxpayer to ensure such predators are kept from harming American citizens as is so often the case.”

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*Undocumented individual with gang ties gets arrested.*

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