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## Chavez' crime organization smuggled illegal aliens into the United States

MSNBC News is reporting that the June 30 issue of Newsweek will announce a crime breakthrough following the arrest by US Bureau of Immigration & Customs Enforcement of the ringleader in a Chavez criminal organization smuggling illegal aliens into the United States.

- Homeland Security investigators say they are producing big breakthroughs in non-terrorist cases, including the deaths of 19 illegal aliens found stuffed into a trailer in Victoria (Texas) on May 14.

Money transfers and telephone calls made by victims and more than 50 witnesses who survived the incident led to Karla Patricia Chavez (25) ... a legal resident in the United States ... who is believed by Federal investigators to have led a smuggling ring that would take aliens across the Mexican border for fees of \$1,400-\$1,900 to destinations throughout the United States.

Chavez' co-conspirators have been identified in Albany (New York State). Newsweek claims that authorities believe the Chavez organization may have been involved in another incident last October in which the bodies of 11 suspected illegal aliens were found in a rail car near Des Moines (Iowa). As the net closed, Chavez is said to have fled to Honduras but US investigators mounted a "sting operation" to lure her to Guatemala, from where she was deported immediately to the United States. Chavez' lawyer says she's pleaded not guilty to charges.



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