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What happens at our Country's border?

Who are the men and women who risk their lives to keep our Nation safe from
Terrorism, Human-Tafficking, and Drug Smuggling?

And...

Who are the men and women who stain their badge, take bribes, look the other
way, or abuse their power and commit heinous crimes?

CATCH & RELEASE will introduce both the Heroes and Villians protecting us all!

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The Show

Follow CATCH & RELEASE hosts Bulent Gurcan (former Federal Agent/CBP) and Nancy Safavi (Immigration Lawyer) in this conversational-style podcast as they take listeners behind the scenes of the elusive world of immigration. Bulent and Nancy expose the truth behind cases centered around Immigration as they interview weekly guests. The stories of our Nation's heroes will delight, while the stories of our fallen heroes will jolt and dismay.



Example Episodes

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EPISODE ONE

Swapping CBP honor for Jail Cell Orange

Lawrence Madrid was Bulent's First Line Supervisor.

Lawrence had been with CBP for 20 years and was once featured in an NPR article about fighting drug trafficking on the border, now he's a convicted felon.

A federal jury found the former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer guilty of taking bribes to let undocumented immigrants cross the border in El Paso.

[Ex-CBP officer found guilty in corruption case](#)

[Ex-CBP supervisor sentenced to 7½ years in federal prison for alien smuggling](#)



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EPISODE TWO

Danbury, Connecticut's Largest Sting

Addie Silva came into the country illegally and paid an exorbitant amount of money to have her sister brought into the country a few years later, only to receive a startling call from corrupt ICE agents. The agents told Mrs. Silva if she didn't cough up another ten grand, she would start receiving her sister's body parts in the mail. Mrs. Silva risked deportation to report the incident and hopefully save her sister. Mrs. Silva took part in a sting operation that took down a human trafficking ring in Texas involving Immigration Enforcement.

Interview with Mrs. Silva, her sister, and the officer she contacted in Danbury.

Tonia Kempler met Mrs. Silva shortly after this incident took place and is still close to her and her family.



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EPISODE THREE

Dirty Agents

The imprisonment of Ignacio Ramos and Jose Alonso Compean sparked an outcry from critics who said the men were just doing their jobs and were punished too harshly. They had been sentenced to 11 and 12-year sentences, respectively.

What really happened? Find out as Bulent describes the case surrounding the agents he worked with during his time as a Federal Agent.

[Bush Commutes Sentences for Two Former Border Patrol Agents](#)



Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, former Border Patrol agents, are serving time for a shooting incident along the Mexican border.

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EPISODE FOUR

Classmates

FBI agents arrested Julio Trujillo (Bulent's former classmate) after conducting a sting operation, according to the criminal complaint against him and courtroom testimony.

Why would an agent throw his life away for a thirty-six hundred dollar bribe?

[CBP Officer Accused of Taking Bribes for Immigrant Visas in Texas](#)



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Personal Experience, Personal Stories, Personal Connections



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