

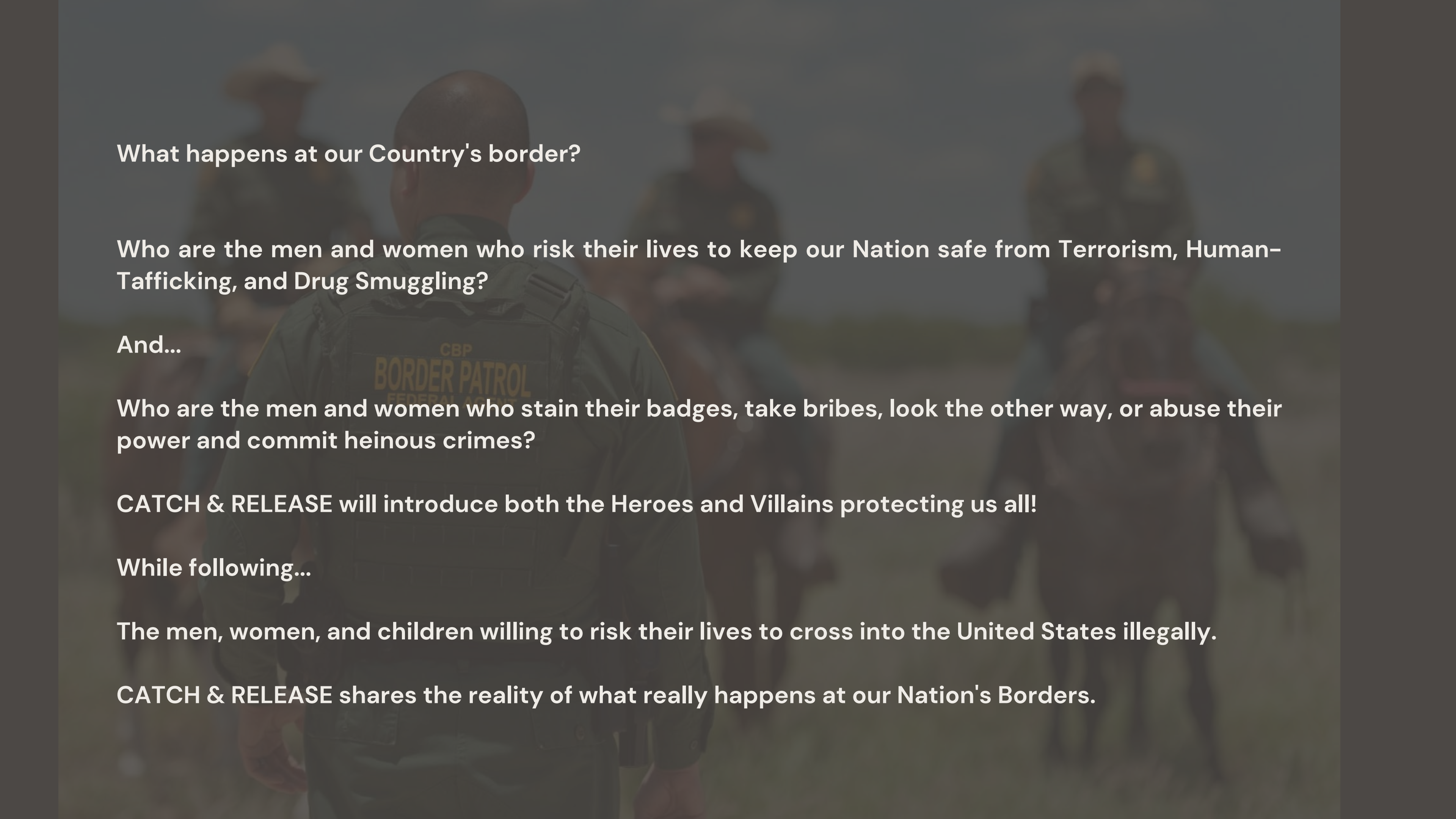
TRUE CRIME

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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 badges, take bribes, look the other way, or abuse their power and commit heinous crimes?

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

While following...

The men, women, and children willing to risk their lives to cross into the United States illegally.

CATCH & RELEASE shares the reality of what really happens at our Nation's Borders.

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The Show

CATCH & RELEASE -- Real-life reenactments of the struggles of those who travel great distances in hopes of achieving the American Dream and the force waiting at the United States Borders.

Millions of immigrants come to the United States yearly, whether legally or otherwise. These are the stories of the latter, the ones who go through horrific events on their journey to start a new life. Whether their purpose is to give their children a better future, whether they were desperate enough to risk it all to avoid Religious/National/Social/Racial/Political persecution, or traveled through hell and back to reunite with a loved one.

CATCH & RELEASE exposes the truth and the terror behind their individual plight.

Undocumented Immigrants have to endure whatever comes their way in order to cross into the United States, and sometimes that means being forced into being a drug mule, getting attacked by border jumpers, getting raped daily, or being held for ransom. Stories of the corrupt agent/officers who aid and even profit from these horrors add another dimension to the events surrounding these border tales.



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The World

As undocumented immigrants come into the country by the millions, it is more urgent than ever to sniff out the unfit agents that stain the Border Patrol badge. This series, inspired by true events, exposes a world virtually unseen and unknown -- the gritty underbelly of narcotics, human trafficking, and terrorism that is encountered not only at our land borders but also sea and air.

Immigration has been a topic in the political arena since the Declaration of Independence.

The undocumented immigrant population went from 3.5M in 1990 to 11.39M in 2018.

This series aims to give insight into the world that is ruled by narcotics, cartels, human traffickers, and the men and women who took an oath to defend and protect all, whether legal or illegal.

Undaunted by scorching desert heat or freezing northern winters, Border Patrol Agents work tirelessly as vigilant protectors of our Nation's borders.

The Black Lives Matter movement gained huge momentum after George Floyd's death and cast an immense light on unfit law enforcement officers on duty.

These are the stories of Agents who find the unfit and bring them to justice and the undocumented immigrants who have dared to make the trek into the United States. These stories are all based on true accounts. We hope to create a ripple effect of social change and awareness to help put an end to this human tragedy.

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Agent Gurcan

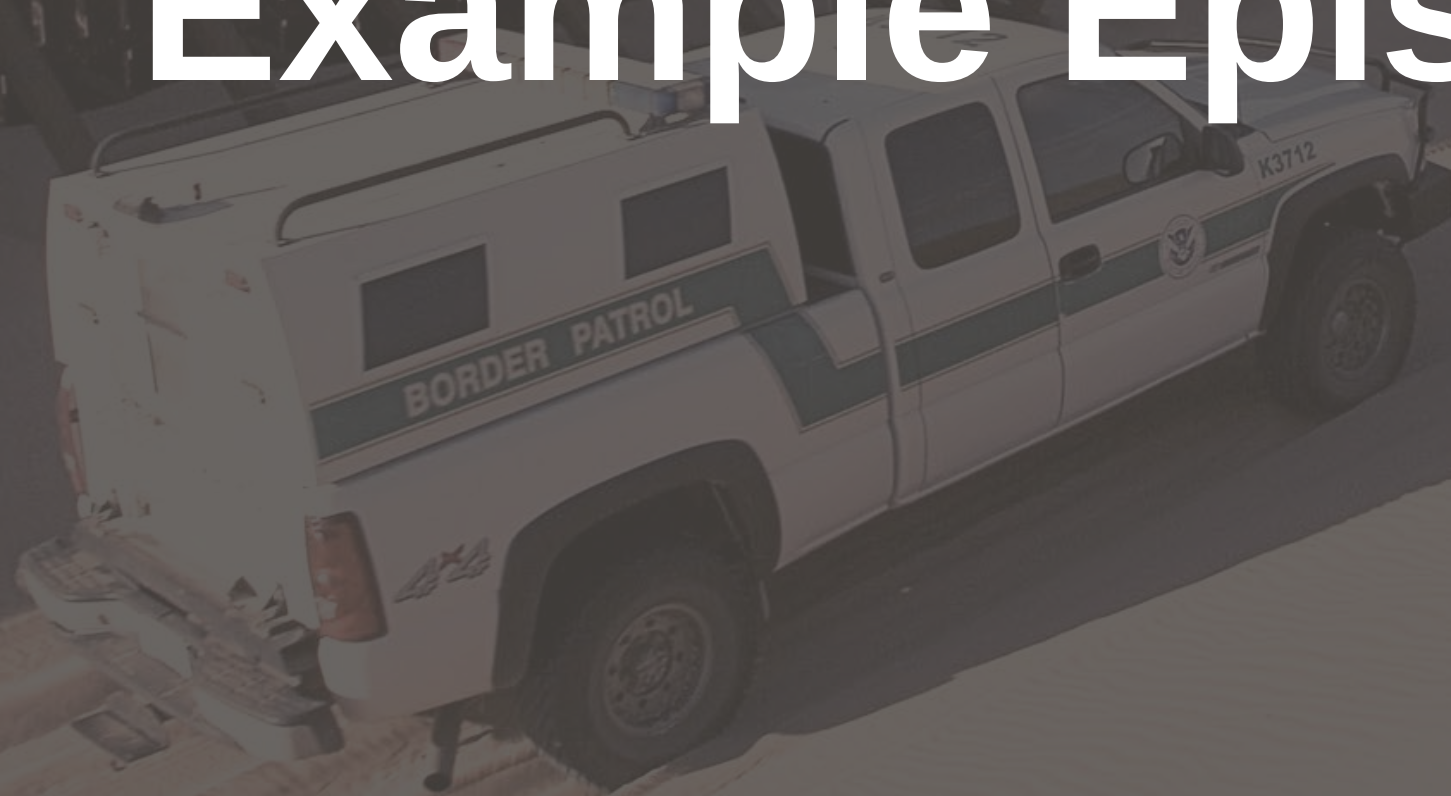
Accounts are told through the eyes of former Federal Agent, Bulent Gurcan, who served as a Customs and Border Patrol Agent for 11 years.

Bulent Gurcan pulls us along with an episodic-case-specific team of specialists in their respective fields (SRT, CBP, Immigration Lawyers, local law enforcement, and more) as they reveal victims' stories that both uncover dirty agents within our government, bringing justice to those wronged by their greed, and the stories of the true heroes keeping our Nation's borders safe by tackling cartel members, smugglers, and terrorists.

"You cannot cut down a tree because of a couple bad apples. It is easier to pick the bad apples." -- Agent Gurcan



Example Episodes



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Possible Episode

Danbury, Connecticut's Largest Sting

Addie Silva came into the country illegally and paid an exorbitant amount of money to have her sister brought in a few years later, only to receive a startling call from corrupt 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 involving Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Texas.

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 Format

- Bulent introduces the case: Addie Silva, an undocumented immigrant, who paid ten thousand dollars to have her sister, Lani Jesus, smuggled into US. Lani was never dropped off at the planned rendezvous as promised.
- The Hook: Reenactment of Addie being distraught over her sister's disappearance during VO intro. Addie receives a call that her sister is being held for ransom.
- Jim (Chief of Police Danbury) is introduced and recounts Addie barging in for help, knowing full well she would probably be deported -- a risk Addie was willing to face in order to save Lani.
- Reenactment of Addie's last words to Lani discussing the plan of where to meet and when.
- Bulent explains the protocol between local law enforcement and the feds. He clarifies that Addie not only has to face possible deportation but also retaliation from the smugglers.
- Agent Jolene, ICE, recounts the anger building while hearing Addie's description of the phone call she received.
- Reenactment of Addie receiving a call from an unknown number warning her that she must send additional funds if she wanted to see her sister ALIVE AGAIN.
- Agent Jolene explains that the caller demanded another ten thousand dollars. Where would Addie get that type of money within the stipulated time frame?
- Reenactment of Addie's next call: The caller warned Addie that she would start receiving body parts in seven days if the funds were not received. Addie attempts to borrow money from a family she is babysitting for and gets fired.
- Agent Jolene shares how smugglers create this type of fear not only possibly to receive the additional funds, but more likely it was an attempt to frighten Addie enough so that she would ultimately agree to be a mule or worse.
- Agent Jolene sets up a sting operation with a Special Response Team (SRT).
- SRT Agent recounts the event over a reenactment of Addie setting up a meeting point to exchange the requested ransom for her sister.
- Bulent explains how no one was ready for what they uncovered while the reenactment plays out of discovering it was, in fact, corrupt Border Patrol Agents demanding the ransom.
- Reenactment of Addie and Lani's reunion and Bulent's closing comments about the corruption and how large the bust was that Addie helped pull off.

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Possible Episode

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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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 who were stationed in Bulent's first duty station in Fabens, TX.

[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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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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More Episode Ideas:

[Over 30 human smuggling cases in El Paso thwarted within 5 days, Border Patrol reports](#)

[El Paso hotel owner sentenced to 15 years for smuggling and harboring illegal aliens](#)

[Newly released body camera footage shows Border Patrol agents shooting a tribal member in Arizona](#)

[Illegal immigrant from Mexico wanted for raping 2 young girls is killed by Texas cop: report](#)

[Human Smugglers Rape Young Ecuador Girl Near Texas Border](#)





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