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## CARAVAN CHAOS

• Media claims that migrant caravan is peaceful are lies

By John Friend

**O**n Nov. 25, tear gas and pepper spray were used by U.S. Border Patrol agents to repel hundreds of migrants hell-bent on gaining political asylum in the U.S. following a rush on the U.S. border, which resulted in a temporary shutdown and major delays in crossing the port of entry.

Dramatic video captured near the San Ysidro Port of Entry bordering Tijuana, Mexico shows countless migrants attempting to force their way into the U.S. as many tried to run past security fences, evade immigration officials, and otherwise illegally enter the U.S. Some were seen throwing rocks and other projectiles at border patrol officials, as Mexican law enforcement officers struggled to contain and manage the mob.

Thousands of migrants, largely from Central American countries, have made their way north through Mexico in a caravan in recent weeks while many more continue their journey, raising concerns with both the Mexican government and the Trump administration.

President Donald Trump has characterized those participating in the caravan as economic migrants opportunistically fleeing their home countries with the hopes of taking advantage of America's generous asylum and social welfare policies. Many of the migrants are criminals with ties to gangs and drug



cartels, the president and his supporters have argued, while local Mexican officials in Tijuana, where thousands of those traveling with the caravan are currently staying, have criticized the migrants and the problems the caravan has caused in their local community.

Trump and administration officials vehemently defended their agents' use of tear gas and pepper spray in responding to the lawlessness and chaos at the border, which was hysterically criticized by Democrats and opponents of the president.

Rodney Scott, chief of the Border Patrol's San Diego sector, recently confirmed that 42 individuals associated

Members of the migrant army scatter along the Tijuana River after U.S. Border Patrol agents used tear gas after hundreds of migrants rushed the border to cross illegally.

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with the caravan were apprehended during the rowdy confrontation Nov. 24, with many more arrested by local Mexican law enforcement authorities. Scott said his agents' tactics were entirely justifiable given the dangerous circumstances they found themselves in, which included being assaulted by a "hail of rocks."

"That has happened before and, if we are rocked, that would happen again tomorrow," he explained to reporters recently. Trump also defended the response of the Border Patrol agents.

"They were being rushed by some very tough people and they used tear gas," Trump declared shortly after the incident. "Here's the bottom line: Nobody is coming into our country unless they come in legally."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Kevin McAleenan told reporters that hundreds of people attempted to rush the vehicle lanes at the border crossing that day, and the agents on duty used their professional judgment to handle the situation appropriately. Other administration officials, including Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, argued that many of the migrants attempted to use children as "human shields" in order to cross the border.

Tijuana Mayor Juan Manuel Gastélum has been vocal in his criticism of the migrant caravan, as have countless local Tijuana residents who view the migrants as disrespectful, disruptive, and entitled.

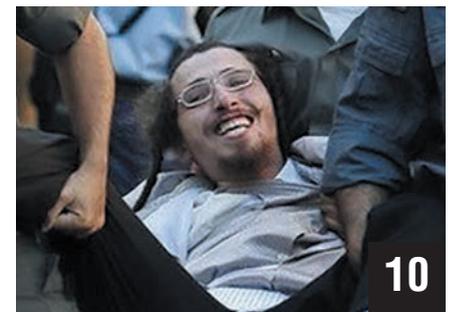
Gastélum said the migrants are "doing things outside the law," and that the caravan was "maliciously organized" with the "goal of creating trouble," according to the *Epoch Times*. ★

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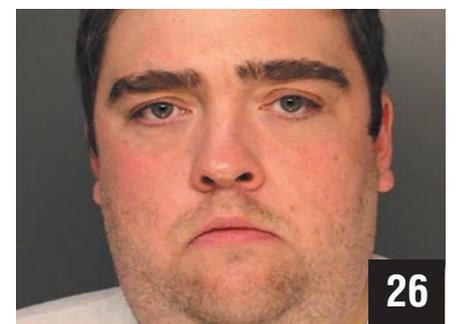
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