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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Immigration Showdown]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Immigrant showdown. Overnight, a new criminal investigation targeting Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who flew that group of migrants to Martha's Vineyard. This as new numbers show record apprehensions at the border. What's behind the surge? Tensions flare with less than 50 days until midterm elections.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Criminal Investigation into Migrant Flights; Texas Sheriff Opens Probe into Move by Florida Gov. DeSantis]

STEPHANOPOULOS: Now to the growing battle over immigration. A criminal investigation has been launched into the migrant flights ordered by Florida Governor Ron Desantis as the government reports apprehensions topped two million for the first time this year. Rachel Scott is at the White House with the latest. Good morning, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: George, good morning. The Texas officials launching that criminal investigation insist that Republicans are playing politics with human lives claiming that those migrants were lured onto those flights with false promises of opportunity and work that they are desperately looking for. This morning, a Texas sheriff launching a criminal investigation against Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, just days after he flew dozens of migrants to Martha's Vineyard.

BEXAR COUNTY SHERIFF JAVIER SALAZAR: They had a right to not be preyed upon and played for a fool and transported halfway across the country just for the sake of a media event, of a video opportunity.

SCOTT: Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar insisting they were lured under false pretenses, promised work in a hotel, but instead shuttled to an airport and dropped in Massachusetts. All to make a political point.

SALAZAR: That's enraging. It doesn't — it doesn't matter how you look at it. It's enraging. I believe there's some criminal activity involved here.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Developing Story; New Border Record as Immigration Battle Escalates; More Than Two Million Migrants Apprehended So Far This Year]



SCOTT: DeSantis's office defending the move, claiming "immigrants are more than willing to leave Bexar County after being enticed across the border to fend for themselves," adding "Florida provided an opportunity in a sanctuary state with resources, as expected." At the southern border, a record number of crossings, apprehensions topping two million for the first time ever. That's a 175 percent increase from last August. Across the country, cities are overwhelmed by the influx. El Paso opening up an emergency processing facility. The mayor of New York considering cruise ships as temporary housing. Border officials say behind these record numbers are migrants fleeing economic hardship and violence but, look, we have never seen border crossings this high and it's bringing immigration back into the spotlight with less than 50 days to go until the midterm elections, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Rachel, thank you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Right Now; Immigration Showdown]

BRUCE: And a new criminal investigation has been launched against Florida Governor Ron DeSantis after flying that group of migrants to Martha's Vineyard. This comes as new numbers show about two million apprehensions at the southern border in the last year. That's the most ever recorded.