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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Migrant Investigation]

NATE BURLESON: There is now a criminal investigation into how migrants were put on planes to Martha's Vineyard.

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS (R-FL) [on FNC's *Hannity*, 09/19/22]: They said they wanted this. They said they were a sanctuary jurisdiction.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Martha's Vineyard Migrant Investigation; TX Sheriff Opens Criminal Probe into Flying Migrants to Massachusetts]

TONY DOKOUPIL: Alright, now to the latest on the dozens of migrants flown to Martha's Vineyard and the questions on how they got there. A sheriff in Texas has opened a criminal investigation into the possibility that they were lured onto planes under false pretenses. Meanwhile, there is a serious situation unfolding along the southern border, and the number of apprehensions of undocumented immigrants is above two million this year for the very first time. At that pace, we have already set a record and are on track to shatter the annual records. Manuel Bojorquez is in the border city of El Paso. Manny, good morning. I know a lot of people are crossing there. They're ending up there. How is the city trying to help?

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Southern Border Crisis; A Look at the Surge of Undocumented Migrants Arriving in America]

MANUEL BOJORQUEZ: Tony, good morning. For one, they are trying to prevent people from having to sleep outside in these streets, outside this Greyhound bus station where, for days, dozens had camped out with no food, water, or money to reach their next destination. The city is moving people to motels and shelters. For many migrants seeking asylum in the U.S., this is their first stop, a Greyhound bus station in El Paso, Texas. The U.S. Border Patrol says more than a thousand migrants are crossing this area each day. Many are being released here. That's where volunteer Julianna Esparza Loya pulls in with her minivan loaded with supplies. She sets up her table and starts handing out essentials like backpacks, shoes, and clothes for children and adults who often arrive with only the clothes on their back. She told us she grew up in El Paso with very little and she identifies with the migrants' struggles. For her, this issue has little to do with politics.

JULIANNA ESPARZA LOYA: You vote for Republican or Democrat, it's still not changing. The problem is still here. How can people live out here for four or five days. They had to rely on good-hearted people to come out and give their three-month-old a blanket and a tent, and it shouldn't be that way.

BOJORQUEZ: Now, the City of El Paso has set up this migrant welcome center where they provide WiFi to contact sponsor families, food, shelter, and most importantly, transportation to their next stop. [TO MURO] You're getting on average 400 people a day?

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TONY MURO: Yes, sir.

BOJORQUEZ [TO MURO]: That's a lot.

MURO: That's going to be increasing shortly.

BOJORQUEZ [TO MURO]: So, you don't see this slowing down at this point?

MURO: At this point, we're just managing the numbers as they come in.

BOJORQUEZ: The asylum seekers here are mostly from Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Cuba, countries with no diplomatic ties to the U.S. and therefore no quick way to deport them. Marielba Atencio and her three-year-old son are trying to get to relatives in New York after fleeing what she describes as life-and-death situations in Venezuela. [TO ATENCIO] Is this a life and death thing? Because you can get sick and there's no medicine. Some here see the next step of their voyage laid out for the first time. [TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT MALE] And you're looking how far it is to get to New York? El Paso has sent nearly 60 buses with migrants north, but the city says it has closely coordinated that with local leaders and charitable organizations at those destinations to ensure they are ready to receive them, unlike some GOP governors who are accused of sending migrants with little to no warning. Nate?

BURLESON: Thank you to the volunteers that are helping out. Manuel, we appreciate you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Migrant Influx]

BURLESON: People dealing with migrants in El Paso say the decision to help is not about politics.

BOJORQUEZ [TO MURO] You're getting an average of 400 a day?

MURO: At this point, we're just managing the numbers as they come in.