

Investigation continues in arrest of immigration center workers

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SARITA, Texas — Authorities are investigating two federal immigration detention center employees arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle 28 illegal immigrants through a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint in South Texas.

The two workers arrested are employees of Centerville, Utah-based Management Training Corp., which runs the Willacy County Detention Center for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The workers were arrested around midnight Thursday while they tried to take the immigrants through the Sarita checkpoint, located about 100 miles north of Brownsville, officials said.

It was not known late Monday if charges had been filed against the workers. Officials with the U.S. Attorney's Office, ICE and Management Training Corp. did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment.

The two employees work at a 2,000-bed detention center about an hour north of the border in Willacy County. The detention center consists of 10 tent-like structures that house immigrants.