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((ANCHOR TOSS))

LET'S BRING IN NBC'S **DREW PETRA-MO**.

DREW, THE SENDING OF MIGRANTS TO **MARTHA'S VINEYARD** IS FACING NEW **LEGAL SCRUTINY**...

((DREW ON CAM))

THAT'S RIGHT.

A TEXAS SHERIFF SAYS HIS OFFICE HAS OPENED A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

(VO MIGRANTS PLANE ARRIVAL)

AFTER NEARLY 50 MIGRANTS WERE FLOWN FROM HIS COUNTY, TO FLORIDA, AND THEN ON TO THE ISLAND.

SHERIFF JAVIER SALAZAR SAID THE INVESTIGATION IS IN ITS EARLY STAGES, BUT THE MIGRANTS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN LURED AWAY FROM TEXAS UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

(SOT TRT: 14 SHERIFF)

HERE WE HAVE 48 PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY ON HARD TIMES, THEY ARE HERE LEGALLY IN OUR COUNTRY AT THAT POINT. THEY HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO BE WHERE THEY ARE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE PREYED UPON. SOMEBODY CAME FROM OUT OF STATE, PREYED UPON THESE PEOPLE.

(FS NBC HEADLINE)

THE SHERIFF ALSO REFERENCED A CLAIM MADE BY ATTORNEYS FOR SOME OF THE MIGRANTS. THAT THE GROUP WAS GIVEN A MISLEADING BROCHURE ABOUT HOUSING AND JOB ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES.

FLORIDA'S GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS DENIES THAT THE MIGRANTS WERE MISLED. HE SAID THIS LAST NIGHT ON FOX NEWS.

(SOT: DESANITS TRT: 22)

THEY ALL SIGNED CONSENT FORMS TO GO. AND THEN THE VENDOR THAT IS DOING THIS FOR FL PROVIDED THEM WITH A PACKET THAT HAD A MAP OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD. IT HAD THE NUMBERS FOR DIFFERENT SERVICES ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD THEN IT HAD THE NUMBERS FOR OVERALL AGENCIES IN MASS THAT HANDLE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES. SO IT WAS CLEARLY VOLUNTARY.

(MORE MIGRANT VO)

A SPOKESPERSON FOR DESANTIS ALSO TOLD NBC NEWS THAT FLORIDA HELPED THE MIGRANTS ACCESS QUOTE 'GREENER PASTURES' IN A PLACE WITH MORE RESOURCES.

(ON CAM)

THE TEXAS SHERIFF SAYS ITS NOT CLEAR IF ANY LAWS HAVE BEEN BROKEN, BUT THAT ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATORS WILL BE HANDLING THIS CASE.