

## **BARRIERS ON I-8 MEANT FOR IMMIGRANT SMUGGLERS**

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Workers began installing two-ton concrete **barriers** intended to stop **immigrant smugglers** who have taken to driving the wrong way on Interstate 8 to avoid a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint.

The **barriers**, each 12 feet long and three feet tall, were being placed Wednesday on the **I-8** median near the checkpoint, about 40 miles east of San Diego.

The three-mile line of **barriers** should be completed in the next week or so, said Tom Nipper, a Caltrans spokesman.

On Aug. 31, a van drove against oncoming traffic on **I-8** for about 17 miles before swerving back into the westbound lanes. The van spun out of control and crashed, injuring 19 suspected illegal **immigrants**.

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