

## Appendix F: Common Abbreviations

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| <b>BP</b>      | Customs and Border Protection’s Border Patrol, charged with patrolling the United States border between ports of entry and enforcing U.S. immigration and customs laws.             |
| <b>CBP</b>     | Customs and Border Protection   |
| <b>CODIS</b>   | Combined DNA Index System (FBI)   |
| <b>DHS</b>     | Department of Homeland Security   |
| <b>DNA</b>     | Deoxyribonucleic Acid   |
| <b>DPS</b>     | Department of Public Safety   |
| <b>DOJ</b>     | Department of Justice   |
| <b>GIS</b>     | Geographic Information Systems, used for digital mapping  |
| <b>GPS</b>     | Geographic Positioning System, usually a handheld unit on which coordinates recorded  |
| <b>HSA</b>     | Homeland Security Act of 2002   |
| <b>ICE</b>     | Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Division of Homeland Security)   |
| <b>JP</b>      | Justice of the Peace  |
| <b>LE</b>      | Law Enforcement   |
| <b>ME</b>      | Medical Examiner  |
| <b>MPRS</b>    | Missing Persons Reports   |
| <b>NAMUS</b>   | National Missing and Unidentified Persons System  |
| <b>NON -LE</b> | Non-Law Enforcement is any entity such as OME, Justice of the Peace, transportation contractors, human rights group etc. that are not necessarily part of a law enforcement agency. |
| <b>OGIS</b>    | Open Geographic Information Systems, a digital mapping resource that is publically accessible online  |
| <b>OME</b>     | Office of the Medical Examiner  |
| <b>OTM</b>     | Other than Mexican  |
| <b>PE</b>      | Personal Effects  |
| <b>POE</b>     | Ports of Entry are official entries into the U.S. where U.S. government officials and customs agents check official entry documents.  |
| <b>UBC</b>     | Undocumented Border Crosser   |