

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HONOR ◊ COURAGE ◊ INTEGRITY



**Joel Claudio**  
Age 56  
Harlingen Resident

At approximately 11:21pm on January 30, 2016, a Uniformed Harlingen Police Officer stopped a Silver 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee for disregarding the red light at the intersection of Loop 499 & E. Harrison Avenue. Contact was made with the male driver (identified as **Joel Claudio**). During the contact, Claudio displayed signs of intoxication (blood-shot eyes, slurred speech, and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person). At the conclusion of the investigation, Claudio was placed under arrest for suspicion of **Driving While Intoxicated**. A records check revealed prior convictions, therefore the charge was enhanced to a third degree felony. Claudio refused to provide a breath sample and was transported to the hospital for a blood draw pending a search warrant reviewed and signed by a Judge, as per HPD's "No Refusal" policy.

*The Harlingen Police Department reminds citizens to report any suspicious activity to their local police department. In Harlingen, you can contact us for Emergencies at (911) or the Police Communications Center at (956)216-5940, the H.P.D. Front Desk Supervisor at (956)216-5401, or the Harlingen Area Crime Stoppers at (956)425-TIPS (8477). **Note** \* Arrestees are innocent until proven guilty in a Court of Law...*

#### MAGISTRATION:

OFFENSE	LEVEL	BAIL/BOND
D.W.I. 3 <sup>rd</sup> or More	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony	\$25,000.00



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