

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HONOR ◊ COURAGE ◊ INTEGRITY



**Rita Sharonda Lamas**  
**Age 43**  
**Harlingen Resident**

At approximately 8:20pm on February 22, 2016, a Uniformed Harlingen Police Officer made contact with Loss Prevention at the HEB (1213 S. Commerce Street) in reference to a theft. The Loss Prevention Officer reported that he had observed a female subject select \$19.77 in merchandise and then conceal the items inside her purse. The female subject was confronted and detained after she had exited the store without paying for the concealed items. The stolen items were recovered and returned to the store. The female subject (identified as Rita Sharonda Lamas) was placed under arrest for Theft, and transported to the City Jail for processing. The charge was enhanced to a State jail felony due to previous theft convictions.

*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
Theft	State Jail Felony	\$5,000.00



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