

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HONOR ◊ COURAGE ◊ INTEGRITY

Abandon / Endanger A Child



Julia Ann Battaglia
Age 33
Harlingen Resident

At approximately 8:21pm on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Uniformed Harlingen Police Officers responded to the HEB (1200 S. Commerce Street) in reference to two unattended children left inside a vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and made contact with the children (a 6 year old male child and a 7 year old female child). Several minutes later the Officer made contact with the mother (identified as Julia Ann Battaglia). Investigation revealed that Battaglia had placed her children under circumstances that exposed them to an unreasonable risk of harm and danger by leaving them alone inside their vehicle. A records check also revealed that Battaglia had an outstanding arrest warrant for theft out of Hidalgo County. Battaglia was placed under arrest and transported to the City jail for processing. The children were later released unharmed into the custody of their father. Child Protective Services was notified of the incident.

*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 |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Abandon / Endanger Child | State Jail Felony | \$5,000.00 |
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| Warrant O/A | | |



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