

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## INTERNET THREAT RESULTS IN ARREST

On July 15, 2016, Harlingen Police received information of a potential threat made to the public from a post on the social media site Facebook. In the threat, the suspect, Nathan Cerda, threatened to harm anyone attending the Pokémon Go events in the valley. In his threat, Cerda warned that he and his friends were going to “purge” those who were participating in the event. The threat mentioned the use of “modified” paintball guns and warned everyone to “not to be walking around”.

Due to the credibility of the threat and in the interest of public safety, the Harlingen Police Department, in partnership with the Cameron County District Attorney’s Office, initiated a criminal investigation on Cerda which resulted in the issuance of a felony warrant for Terroristic Threat.

On July 16, 2016 members of the Harlingen Police Departments Organized Crime Unit, US Marshals Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, McAllen Police Department and the Hidalgo County Sheriff’s Department located Cerda at his residence in Palmview and placed him under arrest. He was transported to the Harlingen Police Department and is awaiting magistration by a judge.

The Harlingen Police Department will continue to ensure the safety of our citizens through proactive police measures. If you have any information on any criminal activity in your area, you are encouraged to contact your local police departments for assistance.



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