

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE  
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HONOR ◊ COURAGE ◊ INTEGRITY



**Jose Rene Velasquez**  
Age 35  
Harlingen Resident

On May 17, 2015, an adult female Harlingen resident filed a report of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child with the Harlingen Police Department. The reporting person advised that the victim had made an outcry of sexual abuse. The outcry indicated that an adult male had been having unlawful contact of a sexual nature with a female child under the age of 14 over a period of five years. The incidents were reported to have occurred within the Harlingen area. During the course of the investigation, Detectives identified a second victim (female child under the age of 14) and arrest warrants were obtained. The male suspect (identified as Jose Rene Velasquez) was located and arrested on the 600 block of North 13<sup>th</sup> Street on June 22, 2015.

*The Harlingen Police Department's core values begin with our respect for life. We revere the truth and strive to affectively enforce the law with the assistance of our community. The Harlingen Police Department takes all cases of child abuse, neglect, and inappropriate behavior very seriously and fully investigates all reported incidents. H.P.D. encourages community members to notify the local law enforcement agencies of any incidents of where a child's welfare may be in jeopardy. Anyone with information or concerns is encouraged to call the following numbers to report possible abuse, neglect, or endangerment; Police communications at (956)216-5940, the H.P.D. Front desk Supervisor at (956)216-5401, Criminal Investigations Division at (956)216-5419, or the Department of Family & Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400. The Harlingen Police Department wants to work together with members of our community to protect our children for the future. **Note** \* Arrestees are innocent until proven guilty in a Court of Law...*

## MAGISTRATION:

OFFENSE	LEVEL	BAIL/BOND
Aggravated Sexual Assault	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Felony	\$100,000.00
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