

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HARLINGEN POLICE OFFICER NO-BILLED IN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

On March 9th 2016 a Cameron County Grand Jury No-Billed Officer Alan Dienstbier who fired his service weapon at the driver of an SUV who was attempting to run him over while trying to evade detention or arrest at approximately 2:45 AM on the morning of November 16th 2015.

Officer Dienstbier and a second officer were responding to a call for help (disturbance in progress) to an apartment complex in the 2500 blk. of Chuparosa Ct. As Officers arrived, a dark colored SUV driven by Francisco Sanchez was observed leaving the area towards the Officers direction with its headlights turned off. The Officers emergency lights were activated to stop the vehicle. As Officers exited their patrol cars to make contact with the driver of the SUV, the suspect accelerated striking the first Officer's foot while trying to evade detention. The suspect then drove the SUV at the second officer who fired his duty weapon striking him in the face and the suspect crashed into a police unit causing major damage. Continuing to attempt to evade officers the suspect then drove a short distance, exited his vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. The suspect was taken into custody by Harlingen Officers who immediately began to render first aid to the suspect for his injuries until EMS arrived on scene.

The suspect was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for his injury. Both Harlingen Officers were transported to a local hospital for injuries and were treated and released.

Suspect Francisco Sanchez is awaiting trial on two counts of Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer and DWI Felony. The Harlingen Police Department conducted the investigation into the Aggravated Assault & DWI charges and at the request of HPD Chief Jeffry A. Adickes, the Texas Rangers conducted the officer involved shooting investigation independently and presented the case to the Cameron County Grand Jury which showed the officers actions were justified resulting in this No-Bill.



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