

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Family Disturbance leads to Pit Bull Attack

At approximately 2:20am on May 1, 2016, Uniformed Harlingen Police Officers responded to a residence on the 3200 block of Lazy Palm Drive in reference to a family disturbance between a male and a female. The Investigation indicated that the female subject (identified as Sandra Gonzalez Gomez) had assaulted the adult male subject with a metal pole. During the arrest of Sandra Gomez, the male subject (identified as Francisco Javier Gomez) interfered with the arrest by grabbing the Arresting Officers and then releasing an aggressive Pit Bull, while shouting orders at the dog to attack. The Pit Bull charged two of the Officers, biting one on the forearm and the second one on the leg. The attack was quick and violent; leaving the Officers with no choice but to shoot the animal to prevent further injury. During his arrest, Francisco Gomez resisted by punching at the officers, twisting and attempting to pull away. After a brief struggle Francisco was handcuffed and arrested. Both injured Officers were transported to the hospital for treatment and later released. A City of Harlingen Animal Control Officer responded to the scene and removed the deceased animal.



Francisco Javier Gomez
Age 47

Harlingen Resident
Aggravated Assault Public Servant
Bond \$100,000.00
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Bond \$100,000.00
Resisting Arrest – Bond \$4,000.00
Interference W/ Public Duties
Bond \$2,000.00



Sandra Gonzalez Gomez
Age 41
Harlingen Resident
Aggravated Assault Family Violence
Bond \$45,000.00



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