

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Family Disturbance leads to Pit bull Attack

On 05/01/2016 at approximately 2:20 AM, Harlingen Police Officers responded to the 3200 block of Lazy Palms in reference to a family disturbance between a male and a female. During the arrest of the female suspect, the male intentionally released an aggressive Pit bull at the Officers shouting orders at the dog to attack. The Pit bull charged two Officers biting one in the forearm and the second one in the leg. The attack was so fast and violent; the Officers were left with no choice but to shoot the animal to prevent further injury. Both Officers were taken to Valley Baptist Medical Center for treatment.

The male was arrested and charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer. Harlingen Animal Control responded to the scene to remove the deceased animal.



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