

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Carlos Javier Sifuentes
Age 35
Harlingen Resident

At approximately 11:40pm on Sunday, September 11, 2016, Uniformed Harlingen Police Officers responded to Austin Elementary School located on the 700 block of E. Austin Street in reference to an alarm activation. Responding Officers and HCISD Security personnel discovered that forced entry had been made into the building through the glass doors on the West side of the Building. As Officers approached, a male subject exited the building holding a hammer. The male subject later identified as Carlos Sifuentes then fled southbound on foot, pursued by Officers. Sifuentes was caught minutes later approximately two blocks from the school. Sifuentes was taken into custody and transported to the City Jail for processing. Further Investigation revealed that entry had been gained by breaking out the glass doors using a wooden barricade. Once inside the building, Sifuentes caused thousands of dollars in damage to vending machines and other school property and set a fire in the Teacher's lounge area. The Harlingen Fire Department responded and quickly extinguished the fire which caused minimal damage.

Offenses:

		<u>Fine</u>
Arson of Building	State Jail Felony	\$15,000
Burglary of Building	State Jail Felony	\$7,500
Evading Arrest w/ previous conv.	State Jail Felony	\$7,500



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