

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Intoxicated Driver Strikes Police Car and Flees the Scene



Michael Anthony Garcia
34 Year Old
Harlingen Resident

On April 2, 2020 at approximately 12:35 A.M. a Harlingen Police Officer was travelling on West Tyler approaching "F" Street. As the Officer's marked patrol vehicle entered the intersection, it was struck by a maroon passenger vehicle which immediately fled the scene. Minutes later, Officers located the suspect vehicle near the 400 block of South "E" Street. Responding Officers reported that the driver, identified as Michael Anthony Garcia, had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and appeared to be highly intoxicated. After failing a Standard Field Sobriety Test, Garcia was arrested and transported to the Harlingen Police Department where he was booked on the following charges:

	BOND / FINE AMOUNT
Driving While Intoxicated	\$5,000
Accident Involving Injury	\$10,000
Disregarding a Red Light	COURT FINE
Violation of Emergency Management Plan	\$2,500

The Officer involved in the crash was transported to Harlingen Medical. He was treated and released from the hospital later that morning. The suspect was not injured.

*As always, if you need immediate police service for a crime in progress or any other emergency, please call 911. Working together, we can limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Note * Arrestees are innocent until proven guilty in a Court of Law...*



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