

HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HONOR



COURAGE



INTEGRITY

MEDAL OF VALOR



On 7/20/2021, Harlingen Police Chief Michael Kester presented the **Medal of Valor** to Officer Jaime Rodriguez and Officer Gustavo Martinez for their actions at an incident on May 31st, 2021. The Officers responded to a call at a residence involving a distraught male who had been threatening others and he was reportedly in possession of a handgun. The Officers arrived on scene and made contact with the male who was holding the handgun. After a tense standoff with the male over several minutes, the Officers were able to talk him into dropping the weapon. The male did not threaten the officers with the weapon during the incident. The male was arrested without further issues or injury to anyone.

The Officers exhibited exceptional courage, bravery and extraordinary decisiveness in their actions while dealing with the armed male. Their actions likely prevented injuries to the public and the male. The staff of the Harlingen Police Department thanks Officers Rodriguez and Martinez for their professionalism during this incident.



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