

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HONOR ◊ COURAGE ◊ INTEGRITY

## THEFT / MOTOR VEHICLE



**Roberto Gonzalez**

**Age 29**

**Harlingen Resident**

On October 2, 2021, an adult male victim reported that he had left his vehicle (2006 Red Ford Explorer) unattended at the gas pumps at the Stripes convenience store located at 3602 N. Commerce St. at 8:12am. Approximately a minute later an unknown male subject enters the victim's vehicle and then drives off in it without the owner's consent. The vehicle was valued at \$2,000.00.

At approximately 3:18pm on October 4, 2021, a Harlingen Police Department unmarked Detective unit spotted the stolen Ford Explorer on the 1600 block of South 77 Sunshine Strip and requested the assistance of Uniformed Patrol Officers. Uniformed Officers in marked police units responded and attempted to stop the stolen vehicle, but the male driver refused and attempted to evade. After a brief pursuit, the male subject abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. The male subject was located minutes later hiding in a back yard on the 900 block of Cardinal Drive. The male subject (identified as **Roberto Gonzalez**) was arrested and transported to the City Jail for processing. **Gonzalez** was charged with Theft / Motor Vehicle (Class A Misdemeanor), Evading Arrest or Detention w/ Vehicle (State Jail Felony), and Evading Arrest (Class A Misdemeanor). The vehicle was recovered and returned to the owner. **Note \* Accused / Arrestees are innocent until proven guilty in a Court of Law...**

	CHARGE	BOND
<b>Roberto Gonzalez</b>	Theft M/V / MA	\$2,000.00
	Evading Arrest w/Vehicle / SJF	\$2,500.00
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