



McAllen Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

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Attempted Capital Murder Suspect Shoots Self

Nature of CFS: Disturbance (Just Occurred).
Date: 08/26/2021.
Time: 10:50 PM.
Location: 3000 Block Business HWY 83, McAllen, Texas.

CFS Summary: The Reporting Person (RP) called McAllen Police Department and reported that “male [suspect] in room, intoxicated, possibly has a gun, went into the office and pointed finger like he was going to shoot RP ...and can hear the male possible cocking a gun ...male is carrying a knife, and knows male has a gun because cleaning lady has seen gun and RP is concerned for her safety”.

Suspect & Suspect AKA’s later identified as follows:

Ezequiel Barrera.

Reynal Esquivel-Barrera.

Reynaldo Esquivel-Barrera.

The suspect carried an Arizona Department of Corrections “Released Offender” ID Card.

At:

10:57 PM Responding Officers were on scene attempting to locate the suspect.

10:59 PM Responding Officers cleared the suspect’s room. No one was found in the room. Responding Officers then proceeded to check the surrounding area.

11:03 PM Responding Officers located the suspect at the area of Ware and Business HWY 83. Responding Officers attempted to engage the suspect verbally during such the suspect makes a statement in Spanish that translates to “here we die”. As one of the Responding Officers began to approach the suspect, the suspect turned away from the Responding Officer, reached into his front waistline, drew a handgun from his waistline, and began to turn towards the Responding Officer. The Arresting Officer tackled the suspect and wrestled the suspect to the ground and during that struggle, the suspect discharged his weapon and instead wounded his left hand. Upon such injury, Responding Officers were able to place the suspect in custody.

The weapon seized from the suspect was determined to be a semi-automatic, .380 caliber handgun.

11:05 Emergency medical care was summoned to the scene.

11:23 The suspect was transferred to McAllen Medical Center for emergency medical care.

The Arresting Officer: Noe Guerra, 19-year veteran of McAllen PD.

Chief Rodriguez publicly commends Officer Guerra stating: ***“Officer Guerra’s actions combined with the assistance of other responding police officers, resulted in the arrest of this suspect with no loss or harm to life. Officer Guerra took action in this felonious incident consistent with his oath, training, professionalism and duty to his community and fellow officers. Officer Guerra’s performance under these circumstances distinguishes him and his acts of bravery while in the line of duty cast a positive reflection on him personally and professionally.”***

Attached video is from In-Dash Camera.

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