



# McAllen Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
MR 12092025 02  
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**Nature of Call For Service (CFS):** Disturbance/In-Progress.

**Date:** December 9, 2025.

**Time:** 8:07 AM.

**Location:** 900 Block East Expressway, McAllen, Texas

CFS (generally): CFS from Dental Office received, the Reporting Person(s) (RP) reported that a “homeless female, last seen wearing blankets [was] in front of [their] location”. The RP further reported that “female talked to herself”.

At 8:13 AM Responding Officer(s) made contact with female at area of the CFS. The female suspect was reported walking away from Responding Officer(s) and at 8:21 AM was reported “waving a knife”.

At 8:22 AM, the female suspect was reported “walking towards Target still waving knife”.

At 8:25 AM, the female suspect was reported continuing to walk west “with knife to her throat”.

At 8:26 AM, the female suspect was reported as approaching the business establishment known as “Jersey Mikes” with “knife to her neck”.

At 8:29 AM, the female suspect was reported continuing “towards Jersey Mikes” as Responding Officer(s) continued “trying to speak to her”.

The responding officer released Canine MINO to assist to bring the female suspect into custody before she made her way further towards populated businesses. Upon Canine MINO approach on the suspect, the female stabbed Canine MINO and further threatened Responding Officers. The Responding Officer fired his duty weapon at the female suspect. The suspect suffered a gunshot wound to her lower center-right area lodging in her left buttock.

The female suspect received emergency medical care on-site and transported to local hospital.

Canine MINO suffered stab wounds to his left eye and upper left eyebrow area. Canine MINO was transported for emergency Veterinarian care. Canine MINO was scheduled for transfer to San Antonio for further emergency veterinarian care.

At this writing, the suspect wounding to believed to be non-life threatening. Preliminarily, the female suspect is scheduled to be treated and released to police custody.

The suspect has been tentatively identified as Latonia Wallace, 54 years of age, believed homeless but with a last known address at Duncanville, Texas.

The responding Officer that discharged his duty weapon is Officer Josiah Alonzo. Officer Alonzo is a 3.5 year Officer at the McAllen Police Department.

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