

McAllen Police Department

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Contact Person: Officer Olivia Lopez Contact Number: 956.681.2091

One Person Charged in an Assault Investigation

Nature of Call For Service (CFS): Assault In-Progress.

Date: 11/17/2022. **Time:** 8:07 AM.

Location: 1900 Block N. 25th St. (Las Palmas Community Center).

The Reporting Person (RP) reported that a "female came into location and stabbed one of the employees with a knife". The RP further reported that the female suspect had left the area "on foot" with "direction of travel unknown". Responding Officers proceeded to the scene and to the area of the assault. A person, later determined to be the suspect in this incident, was stopped and detained at 2400 Block Tamarack Street. The arrest site is approximately one (1) block from the crime scene. The suspect was found with knife in her waistband and cuts to her hands. The suspect became combative with arresting officers and began "spitting on officers".

The victim was attended by responding officers and Emergency Medical Services. The victim was transported for emergency medical care for treatment of stab wounds.

The suspect has been tentatively identified as Esmeralda Rodriguez, 60 years of age, with last known address at McAllen, Texas.

All charges related to this incident are pending and will be filed accordingly.

The suspect is also under investigation for an aggravated assault offense reported to have occurred 11/16/2022. The victim in the previous assault is an acquaintance of the suspect.

The suspect has faced previous assault charges and the suspect's most recent release from custody is 06/29/2022 from TDCJ.

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