



McAllen Police Department

PRESS ADVISORY

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Person Charged in Child Exploitation Case



Jose Teofilo Ebratt Marquez

Nature of Call-For-Service (CFS): Suspicious Activity.

Day/Date: January 19, 2025.

Time: 3:07 AM.

Location: 1000 Block of E. Violet Ave., McAllen, Texas.

McAllen Police Officers received a “suspicious activity” report on January 19, 2025 from a person stating they met someone on a dating app and agreed to meet in McAllen. This person was later identified as 36 year-old, **Jose Teofilo Ebratt Marquez**. The reporting person stated that during their encounter, Marquez presented him with an offer to engage in sexual conduct with a child, which was present at the time. The reporting person notified police of this interaction and offer.

Officers of the McAllen Police Department responded to the reported location to investigate further and check on the child’s welfare. Officers detained **Jose Teofilo Ebratt Marquez** on-scene. The child was examined for appropriate care. Investigators charged Marquez for **Sexual Performance by a Child**, a First Degree Felony, on January 20, 2025.

Marquez was transferred to the Hidalgo County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 bond on January 20, 2025. An Emergency Protective Order was obtained on behalf of the victim in this case. On January 23, 2025, **Jose Teofilo Ebratt Marquez** was subsequently charged with **Violation of a Protective Order**, a Class “A” Misdemeanor, (attempt to contact victim) and a bond hearing revoked his bond.

The victim in this case is a child younger than 14. The child was placed in care of The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The suspect's last known address is in Venezuela.

The McAllen Police Department continues to work with state and federal agencies to investigate these crimes.

Anyone with information about this crime or similar crimes is urged to call **McAllen Crime Stoppers at 956-687-TIPS (956-687-8477)**. You can remain anonymous. Information that leads to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward. You may also submit an anonymous tip through the "P3 Tips" smart phone app.

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