



McAllen Police Department

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UPDATE to 01/05/2026 Individual Wanted in Hindering Apprehension of Murder Suspect

Hindering Suspect Arrested at Port of Entry



Leonel Perez Delgado
(McPD Booking Photo – 1/8/26)

The McAllen Police Officers report that on January 8, 2026, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials notified the McAllen Police Department of a wanted individual around 9:00 AM. Leonel Perez Delgado was arrested at the Hidalgo Port of Entry upon attempting to enter the United States. McAllen Police Officers received custody of Leonel Perez Delgado and he faces formal arraignment in the McAllen Municipal court for Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution, a Third Degree Felony.

This investigation remains ongoing. The McAllen Police Department continues to combine its efforts with local, state and federal agencies to further resolve this crime and secure the arrest of the person(s) involved.

Anyone with information about the crime is urged to call direct to the McAllen Police Department at 956-681-2000. Anonymous tips can be reported to **McAllen Crime Stoppers at 956-687-TIPS (956-687-8477)**. Information provided to Crime Stoppers that leads to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward. You may also submit an anonymous tip through the smart phone app **“P3 Tips.”**

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UPDATE to 12/28/25 McAllen Police Investigate Homicide
UPDATE to 12/29/25 Suspect Wanted in Homicide Investigation

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Leonel Perez Delgado
(image captured on surveillance camera – Leonel Perez Delgado seen driving)

The McAllen Police Department continues its Homicide investigation on the 800 block of North Ware Road, McAllen, Texas, the shooting death of 61 year-old Eddy Betancourt on December 27, 2025.

McAllen Police Investigators have located evidentiary images of homicide suspect, Reynaldo Mata-Rios, crossing through a U.S./Mexico Port of Entry in a red truck. Images are recorded and dated on December 28, 2025. Investigators have identified the driver of the red truck as **Leonel Perez Delgado**.

McAllen Police Investigators believe Leonel Perez Delgado did intend to hinder the arrest, harbor, or conceal Reynaldo Mata-Rios by driving him out of the country. A Magistrate in the McAllen Municipal Court determined there was probable cause to issue a warrant for the arrest of **Leonel Perez Delgado** for **Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution**, a **Third Degree Felony**.

Leonel Perez Delgado is described as:

- 61 years old
- Hispanic male
- 5' 08" in height
- 225 lbs in weight
- Grey hair
- Brown eyes
- Last known address in Pharr, Texas

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