



McAllen Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

Update: **July 31, 2023**

The suspect, Ronaldo Alvarado, 25 years of age, passed away yesterday July 30, 2023. An autopsy was ordered by Justice of the Peace J. Peña.

Update: **Previously released**

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

Date: July 30, 2023.

Time: 3:28 AM.

Location: 2900 Block North 24th Street, McAllen, Texas

CFS (generally): The Reporting Person (RP) reported “male [suspect] ...is being extremely aggressive and has a gun ...[the suspect] is leaving location in a maroon charger ...was highly intoxicated”.

At approximately 3:38 AM Responding Officer[s] located the suspect and suspect vehicle traveling south at the 1700 Block of North 23rd Street, McAllen, Texas and initiated a traffic stop. The suspect came to a stop at that location and Responding Officer[s] stopped behind him. Once stopped, Responding Officer[s] reported “shot fired ...suspect was shooting at [Responding Officers]”. The Responding Officer[s] saw what appeared gun fire flash from within the suspect vehicle and driver side door glass breakage from apparent gun fire. The suspect then began slow southbound movement from the traffic stop site. One Responding Officer returned fire and discharged his weapon twice at the suspect from the rear of his stopped Police Unit. The Responding Officer appeared to have struck the rear windshield frame of the suspect vehicle. The suspect/suspect vehicle then continued slow southbound travel onto a private parking lot and came a resting point after crashing onto a private fence approximately four (4) blocks south of the traffic stop site.

At the resting point, Responding Officer[s] located the suspect in the vehicle, the suspect was slumped over with an apparent wound to his head. The Responding Officer[s] broke through the suspect vehicle glass to gain entry into the suspect vehicle to provide and summon emergency medical assistance for the suspect. The Responding Officer[s] located the suspect’s weapon adjacent to the suspect. The suspect appeared to have suffered an entry and exit gunshot wound to the temple area of his forehead.

The suspect was transported to local hospital for emergency medical care. At this writing, the suspect remains under medical care.

The suspect has been tentatively identified at Ronaldo Alvarado, 25 years of age, with a last known address at Brownsville, Texas.

The responding Officer that discharged his duty weapon is Officer Jimmy Gonzalez. Officer Gonzalez is 2.5 year Officer at the McAllen Police Department.

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