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RE: State of Texas v. Juan Antonio Garza – D.O.B. 05/26/1978

Million dollar bond set on Harlingen man for Aggravated Robbery

Brownsville, Texas – March 18, 2011 – Armando R. Villalobos, County and District Attorney for Cameron County announces today that Juan Antonio Garza, 32, of Harlingen, Texas, was charged by Harlingen Municipal Court Judge Javier Gonzalez on the charge of first-degree aggravated robbery of an elderly.

Assistant District and County Attorney Rene Garza recommended, on behalf of the State of Texas, that Antonio Garza be incarcerated with a one million dollar bond. Magistrate Judge Gonzalez granted the State's request and will be detained at Carrizales-Rucker Detention Center in Olmito, Texas.

“In Texas, a woman's home is her castle,” Chief First Assistant District Attorney Charles E. Mattingly Jr. said. “Anyone who violates the sanctity of another's home or prey's upon the weak, elderly or disabled will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

Antonio Garza is charged with the aggravated robbery of a 63-year-old Harlingen resident. According to police reports, the victim was asleep when she was assaulted by Antonio Garza in the middle of the night on March 16, 2011. He allegedly stole the victim's debit and credit cards and personal documents.

Antonio Garza was identified the next day through a photo id. The id was obtained through surveillance video from a local store in which he allegedly used the victim's debit and credit cards. He was later arrested by the Harlingen Police Department.

If convicted, Antonio Garza faces up to life in prison.

For more information, contact the Cameron County and District Attorney's Office at (956) 544-0849.

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