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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, HINDERING APPREHENSION, INTERFERING WITH PUBLIC DUTIES

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On Thursday March 6, 2014 at 02:30hrs a Patrol Officer located a male subject drinking on the street with friends on the 600 block of Southwind Lane. The Officer identified the man as 30 year old Elidio Jesus Rodriguez due to previous encounters and was aware of a warrant of arrest for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon from justice court. As the Officer attempted to make contact with Rodriguez he quickly entered his residence followed by his 26 year old girlfriend Monica Rose Johnson. The Officer attempted to follow Rodriguez into the residence and was stopped by his father 54 year old Elidio Cruz Rodriguez. Johnson was questioning the officer's warrant for arrest and proceeded to interfere with their duties. The father continued to block the path into the home so the officers could not make the arrest. Elidio Jesus Rodriguez placed a kitchen knife to his neck and demanded the Officer's to back off. San Benito Negotiators and S.W.A.T were activated to assist in the apprehension. After hours of negotiation from San Benito Police, Cameron County Sheriff's Office and DPS Troopers, Rodriguez finally surrendered at about 07:00am. He was taken to Cameron County Detention Center where he was later arraigned and bond set at \$50,000 dollars. His Father, Elidio Cruz Rodriguez was arrested for Hindering Apprehension and Monica Rose Johnson was arrested for Interfering with Public Duties. They were later arraigned by Judge Benjamin Yudesis and Elidio Cruz Rodriguez's bond was set at \$100,000 dollars and Johnson's bond was set at \$50,000 dollars.

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