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Date: Monday, June 8, 2026 at 11:49:36 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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RE: Public Information of February 23, 2026, Reference # P004883-022326

Dear Multiple Users,

The Texas Department of Public Safety received a public records request from you on February 23, 2026. Your request mentioned:

> **TX-DPS-26-0449 - Please see attached request**
> **(Please note this is a resubmission and we would like you to process this request and close out the previous request sent.)**

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has received a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office (OAG) regarding your request. Please see attached the ruling issued as well as the records that the OAG instructed DPS to release.

For questions or additional information, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,

ML Calcote
Sr. Assistant General Counsel
OGC

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From: Shiver, Scotty
Sent: Sat, 21 Feb 2026 02:46:30 +0000
To: Taylor, Jason
Subject: Fwd: Ruben Ray Martinez

FYI Colonel

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bobo, Jason" <Jason.Bobo@dps.texas.gov>
Date: February 20, 2026 at 8:37:14 PM CST
To: "Shiver, Scotty" <Scotty.Shiver@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Ruben Ray Martinez

From: "Bobo, Jason" <Jason.Bobo@dps.texas.gov>
Date: February 20, 2026 at 1:20:00 PM CST
To: "Cooper, Kevin" <Kevin.Cooper@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Ruben Ray Martinez

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From: Cooper, Kevin <Kevin.Cooper@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:59 AM

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To: Bobo, Jason <Jason.Bobo@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: Taylor, Jason <Jason.Taylor@dps.texas.gov>; Goodson, Walt <Walt.Goodson@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Ruben Ray Martinez

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https://www.newsweek.com/exclusive-newsom-alarmed-by-delay-disclosing-ruben-ray-martinez-fatal-ice-shooting-11554372

Kevin

From: Nicolas Kalla <Nicolas.Kalla@house.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 8:39 AM
To: Cooper, Kevin <Kevin.Cooper@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Ruben Ray Martinez

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Dear Mr. Cooper,

I understand from a Newsweek article that the DPS Texas Rangers are still investigating the March 15, 2025 event on South Padre Island involving Ruben Ray Martinez. When that report is completed could you share it with our office?

Thank you,
Nicolas Kalla
Chief of Staff for Rep. Erin Elizabeth Gámez
Nicolas.kalla@house.texas.gov
512-463-0606

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From: Taylor, Jason
Sent: Tue, 24 Feb 2026 19:15:06 +0000
To: Martin, Freeman (Colonel)
Subject: FW: HSI- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation (Ranger Patrick O'Connor)
Attachments: image001.jpg, 2025-0009897.pdf

Here is the Ranger report. Working on a better video link.

JT

From: Shiver, Scotty <Scotty.Shiver@dps.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 12:03 PM
To: Taylor, Jason <Jason.Taylor@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: HSI- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation (Ranger Patrick O'Connor)

Colonel, please advise if you can access the videos? Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Mims, Billy" <Billy.Mims@dps.texas.gov>
> **Date:** February 24, 2026 at 12:01:03 PM CST
> **To:** "Shiver, Scotty" <Scotty.Shiver@dps.texas.gov>, "Bobo, Jason" <Jason.Bobo@dps.texas.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: HSI- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation (Ranger Patrick O'Connor)**
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> Chiefs,
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> See below as requested.
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> Billy Jack Mims, Major
> Texas Rangers ~ Company "D"
> 512.826.8660 c.
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Vela, Donato" <Donato.Vela@dps.texas.gov>
> > **Date:** February 24, 2026 at 11:56:29 AM CST
> > **To:** "Mims, Billy" <Billy.Mims@dps.texas.gov>
> > **Subject: HSI- Officer Involved Shooting Investigation (Ranger Patrick O'Connor)**
> >
> > Major,

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Please see the attached Officer Involved Shooting Investigation involving the H.S.I Agent that occurred at South Padre Island on 03-15-2025.

Regarding the videos, please go to the following to view them:

[redacted]

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Donato E. Vela, Lieutenant
Texas Ranger Division-Company "D"
2525 N. International Blvd.
Weslaco, TX 78599
Office: (956) 565-7651

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Report by Texas Ranger Patrick O'Connor

Supplemental Report

Case Numbers: 2025-0009897 (Felony (Person))

Document Reference Number(s): 2025-0009897-00005

Supplemental Occurrence Date: 05/23/2025 11:10 AM CDT (05/23/2025 11:10 AM CDT)

Supplemental Report Details

Offenses:
0.0.0.1 - Officer Involved Shooting. (OIS)

Document Details:

1. On 03/15/2025 at approximately 12:44 am, I, Company "D" Texas Ranger Patrick O'Connor, received a phone call from South Padre Island Police Department (SPI PD) Detective Albert Dominguez. Detective Dominguez requested Texas Ranger assistance with an officer-involved shooting that had just occurred on South Padre Island. Detective Dominguez advised me of the following information:

The SPI PD received an emergency call for a two-vehicle collision at South Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street on South Padre Island. Police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services arrived to assist. Traffic backed up in every direction, causing officers to enter the roadway to direct traffic away from the hazards. United States Department of Homeland Security Special Agents (HSI) (SA) responded to assist SPI PD Officers with traffic control. A blue car with two males drove into the immediate scene of the crash after being told to turn by officers. The driver of the blue car then moved toward an HSI Special Agent who fired his weapon. The driver was struck by the gunfire and transported to the hospital, while the male passenger of the car was detained at the scene for investigation. The driver of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion [redacted] was later identified as Ruben Martinez, H/M, DOB: 03/10/2002, and the front passenger was identified as Joseph Orta, H/M, DOB: 11/18/2000. HSI Special Agent Hector Sosa was later identified as the Special Agent standing near the front of the Ford Fusion. HSI Special Agent Jack Stevens was the law enforcement officer who discharged his weapon that struck Martinez.

2. At approximately 1:45 am, I arrived on the scene and met with SPI PD Chief Claudine O'Carroll and HSI Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Alfredo Ibanez. Chief O'Carroll and ASAC Ibanez requested Texas Rangers' assistance with the Officer Involved Shooting

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Investigation. Detective Dominguez met with me and advised that Ruben Martinez had passed away as a result of his wounds.

3. At approximately 2:16 am, I met with HSI SA Jack Stevens, standing near a police vehicle at the intersection of Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street. I noted that SA Stevens wore a distinct tactical law enforcement ballistic vest. "Police HSI" was visible on his chest in contrasting colors, making it immediately apparent that he was a law enforcement officer. SA Stevens advised that his holstered weapon was the gun that he discharged during the incident. I noted that SA Stevens' weapon was on his right side. SA Stevens advised me that he did not use any spare magazines on his belt. SA Stevens was clearly recognizable as a law enforcement officer and carried standard police equipment on his belt and tactical vest. I observed apparent blood stains on the front of SA Stevens' pants and his tactical vest. I used my State-issued camera to secure nine photographs of SA Stevens to document how he appeared on the scene during the incident. SA Stevens advised me that the entire incident happened in the intersection and that no potential public safety threats were left unattended. I observed SA Stevens remove his weapon from his holster and place it in a gun box. The weapon is described as a black Sig Sauer P320 9mm s/n DB15049 (Exhibit 4) with optic sights and a flashlight attached to the bottom. The 17-capacity magazine was correctly seated, and the slide was fully forward and appropriately positioned. I noted that the red optic sight was activated. I placed protective gloves on my hands and opened the chamber to discover one Speer 9mm Luger + P cartridge. I removed the magazine and each cartridge to return them to their original position later. I found 14 9mm Speer cartridges in the magazine. I took 21 photographs to document SA Stevens' weapon and ammunition. The weapon was secured in the box that I later sealed and initialed. I maintained custody of the weapon as evidence and provided ASAC Ibanez with an HQ-109a property inventory receipt. I placed SA Stevens' weapon and ammunition inside my police unit lock box for safekeeping.

4. I later met with HSI SA Hector Sosa, wearing a distinct tactical law enforcement ballistic vest similar to SA Stevens'. "Police HSI" was visible on his chest and back, clearly indicating that he was a law enforcement officer. SA Sosa had standard police equipment on his belt and tactical vest. I used my State-issued camera to secure four photographs of SA Sosa to document how he appeared during the incident. SA Sosa advised that he had not discharged his weapon. SA Sosa gave me a quick walk-through of the scene and what he observed. SA Sosa advised that the driver of the blue Ford Fusion drove into the intersection where the crash occurred well beyond where officers were stopping vehicles and diverting them to other paths. The driver of the Ford Fusion drove so close to SA Sosa that he bumped his legs with the front bumper after telling him to stop. The driver of the Fusion proceeded to make a left turn that pushed SA Sosa back, causing him to fall over the car's hood. SA Sosa observed SA Stevens standing next to the driver's side window, watching this as it occurred. SA Sosa observed SA Stevens discharge his weapon at the driver as the blue Fusion lunged forward. SA Sosa stated that he believed SA Stevens discharged his gun to stop the driver from driving into anyone else.

5. At approximately 3:06 am, I secured photographs of the incident scene, surrounding area, and evidence. I noted that the intersection was secured with yellow crime scene tape, and

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officers were posted at various locations to divert pedestrians and vehicle traffic. I captured the scene from multiple angles. I noted that two red crashed trucks were next to one another on the southwest corner of the intersection at Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street. I later observed surveillance video footage showing the two crashed trucks were in the same location before the shooting event. The blue 2011 Ford Fusion [redacted] was parked perpendicular to Padre Boulevard facing East. I placed a crime scene marker "A" on the hood of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ([redacted]. The Fusion was located in the northbound traffic lane of Padre Boulevard. The driver's window was approximately halfway down, but all three other windows were up. The windshield and rear windows were undamaged, and the moon roof window was slightly open. I detected the strong odor of Marijuana coming from the open driver's window. A red paper placard in the front windshield indicated the vehicle was registered to park at the Saida's IV hotel. The car transmission was in park, and the front wheels turned approximately halfway to the left. I noted that the engine was running with headlights and fog lights activated. The driver's side mirror was attached but damaged. The mirror appeared as if it had been pulled down and was dangling. The car was dusty all over. I noted an area on the hood where the dust had recently been displaced as if something had recently contacted the hood. I searched the outside of the vehicle but did not observe any projectile defects. I saw two silver-colored cartridge casings inside the driver's area of the car. A black flashlight commonly used by law enforcement was lying under the vehicle near the front right tire. I later learned that the flashlight belonged to SPI PD Officer Miguel Leal. A black iPhone with an attached leather wallet containing Ruben Martinez's identification and two credit cards was sitting on the trunk of the Ford Fusion. I later learned from video surveillance footage that a fire truck was initially facing northbound in the inside northbound lane near the crashed trucks. The fire truck was moved by the time I responded so that it could return to service. A South Padre Island ambulance was parked in the northeast area of the intersection. The ambulance was not at that location at the time of the shooting, but was brought in immediately after to assist with injuries during the crash and the shooting. I observed a small, reddish-colored stain (believed to be blood) on the pavement near the Ford Fusion and the ambulance. I briefly met with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) driver and told them he could remove the ambulance to return to service. I observed a black baseball hat in the intersection that appeared to have been run over several times. A nickel was also noted lying on the ground near the believed blood stain. The hat and nickel appeared to be unrelated to the shooting incident or had no bearing on the outcome of the investigation at the time of the search. I took 85 photographs with my state-issued camera at the incident scene. The physical evidence was later transported to the Brownsville DPS Office and placed into evidence for safekeeping.

6. At approximately 3:33 am, I placed protective gloves on my hands and met with Detective Dominguez and Company "D" Texas Ranger Esteban Martinez on the east side of the intersection. We conducted a line search in a westward direction in search of evidence.

7. I previously placed a crime scene marker "A" on the hood of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ([redacted]. The vehicle was searched the following day. All evidence later retrieved from inside the car was designated with the letter "A" to verify it came from the vehicle. The law enforcement flashlight underneath the Ford Fusion was documented with crime scene marker 1. At approximately 4:11 am, I collected the flashlight (Exhibit 1) and placed it inside a new

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From: Media And Communications Office
To: Media And Communications Office
Subject: Daily Media Report, 2/20/2026
Date: Friday, February 20, 2026 5:17:37 PM
Attachments: image001.jpg

Good afternoon,

Below is a list of significant media contacts from today.

Various Reporters	New York Times, Texas Public Radio; AP; KENS	Requesting information on the shooting of Ruben Ray Martinez.
Theodore Keers	Worldmark Films	Requesting information about a vehicle pursuit from 2023.
Abigail Franklin	KAUT	Interview request with the Rangers on a sexual assault case in Fannin Co.
Martin Ortiz	KTMD	Requesting more information about a post shared by the South Texas Region on social media.
Cody Copeland	Austin American Statesman	Seeking information about DPS LPRs in Austin.
Lauren Petterson-McMurry	KVUE	Seeking information regarding a letter sent by Senator Gutierrez..
Kelly Wiley	KXAN	Requesting information on DPS strike team operations around schools.
Ian Cavazos	KXLN	Seeking information for truckers and bus drivers that are applying or have their commercial driver's licenses.
Shannon Miller	KXAS	Requesting information on a letter sent by Itasca ISD officials about AI child pornography.

Thank you,

Media & Communications Office
Texas Department of Public Safety
Office: (512) 424-2081
Email: media@dps.texas.gov

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[redacted]

From: "Cooper, Kevin" <Kevin.Cooper@dps.texas.gov>
Date: February 23, 2026 at 7:51:43 AM CST
To: "Shiver, Scotty" <Scotty.Shiver@dps.texas.gov>, "Bobo, Jason" <Jason.Bobo@dps.texas.gov>
Cc: "Martin, Freeman (Colonel)" <Freeman.Martin@dps.texas.gov>, "Goodson, Walt" <Walt.Goodson@dps.texas.gov>, "Bobo, Jason" <Jason.Bobo@dps.texas.gov>, "Adkins, Phillip" <Phillip.Adkins@dps.texas.gov>
Subject: FYSA

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From: Olivarez, Christopher
Sent: Sat, 15 Mar 2025 19:11:37 +0000
To: Mims, Billy
Cc: Shiver, Scotty; Lain, Corey; DelaGarza, Arturo; Garcia, Randy; Staley, Shane; Vela, Donato
Subject: Re: Ranger Restricted: Officer-Involved Shooting HSI South Padre Island 03-15-25
Attachments: image002.png, image001.jpg

Received Major. So far, we have only received one local media inquiry. We are using our standard statement, "The Texas Rangers are investigating an officer-involved shooting. This is an ongoing investigation. At this time, details are not available."

All the best & ***stay healthy***,

Christopher Olivarez, Lieutenant
Texas Department of Public Safety
Texas Highway Patrol
Media & Communications
Fitness & Wellness
2525 N. International Blvd.
Weslaco, Texas 78599
Cell: 956-257-7293
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christopher.olivarez@dps.texas.gov

> On Mar 15, 2025, at 12:46 PM, Mims, Billy <Billy.Mims@dps.texas.gov> wrote:
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> Chiefs & RD,
>
> Please see the detailed summary below from Lt. Donato Vela on an OUS investigation Involving HSI.
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> Chris,
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> Give me a shout on this when you're available so we can discuss further before your phone starts ringing..
>
> Billy Jack Mims, Major
> Texas Rangers ~ Company "D"
> 512.826.8660 c.

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Major,

Please review Ranger Patrick O'Connor's Officer Involved Shooting Investigation involving the US Department of Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent. Thank you.

Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation – Cameron County (2025-0009897): On 03-15-25, Texas Ranger Patrick O'Connor assisted the United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) with an officer-involved shooting Investigation that occurred at South Padre Island (SPI). At approximately 12:30 am, a major two-vehicle collision occurred on SPI Padre Boulvard, causing traffic to back up inside the city during spring break. Numerous law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel responded to the crash scene. Law enforcement officers diverted traffic to the side roads or flagged vehicles to make a U-turn to avoid congestion at the crash site. At approximately 12:40 am, a blue Ford Focus passenger car displaying a [redacted] license plate [redacted] approached the blocked off intersection where the crash vehicles were. The driver was identified as *Ruben Martinez, DOB 03-10-2002 (23 years old),* accompanied by a male passenger, *Joshua Orta, DOB 11-18-2000 (24 years old)*. HSI Special Agents (SA) were on a detail, serving as a force multiplier during spring break at SPI. HSI were assisting the SPI Police Department with traffic control at the crash site. Martinez proceeded to drive straight towards the crashed vehicles despite numerous commands to stop from SPI officers and HSI Special Agents. Martinez then lunged forward in his car several times as if attempting to push a clearly identifiable HSI SA out of the way. The HSI SA, *Hector Sosa*, fell over the suspect vehicle's hood at one point as Martinez turned East, continuing to accelerate in the direction of other emergency personnel. A second HSI Special Agent, *Jack Steven*, drew his issued handgun and yelled at Martinez to stop multiple times before he discharged several rounds through the open driver's side window, striking Martinez's body. The vehicle came to a stop, and HSI Special Agents and EMS began lifesaving measures at the scene before transporting Martinez to a local hospital. Martinez later died as a result of his wounds, and an autopsy was ordered. No officers were injured during this incident. Ranger O'Connor documented and searched the scene, secured Leica scans, and seized evidence. Ranger O'Connor

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interviewed the passenger, Orta, who cooperated with the investigation. Orta stated that he and Martinez recognized the officers as legitimate law enforcement due to their uniforms as they entered the crash scene. Orta said he told Martinez to stop and comply. However, Martinez panicked and intentionally drove toward the officers to avoid being arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and smoking Marijuana. During the investigation, Ranger O'Connor discovered that both individuals were residents of San Antonio and were at SPI for spring break. Ranger O'Connor contacted San Antonio Highway Patrol to assist with the death notification to Martinez's family. Company "D" Texas Ranger Esteban Martinez Jr. assisted with the investigation. The suspect vehicle will be processed soon. This investigation remains ongoing.

<image002.png>

Suspect: Ruben Martinez
DOB 03-10-2002
9227 Mission Run
San Antonio, Texas 78223

Respectfully,

Donato E. Vela, Lieutenant
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Weslaco, TX 78599
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