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## **Assault on a Public Servant 2025-12083**

**Schertz, TX (3/5/2025)** – On March 5, 2025, at approximately 12:26 p.m., Schertz Police School Resource Officers were investigating a narcotics case at Samuel Clemens High School, located at 1001 Elbel Rd., Schertz, Texas. During the investigation, officers and school administrators questioned a student who was identified as a possible suspect in the narcotics offense. The student, who was classified as an adult, forcefully pushed past both an administrator and an officer before fleeing off campus toward The Village subdivision. As a result, both the officer and administrator sustained injuries.

Additional officers and police resources were immediately dispatched as a foot chase ensued. Shortly after, a resident reported seeing the suspect in the backyard of a home in the 1000 block of Williamsburg. Officers quickly responded and took the suspect into custody without further incident.

The suspect, CJ Matthews (17 years old), from Schertz, TX, will be charged with Assault on a Public Servant (two counts, 3rd-degree felony), Tampering with Evidence (3<sup>rd</sup>-degree felony), Possession of a Controlled Substance PG2 <1g Drug Free Zone (3<sup>rd</sup>-degree felony), and Evading Arrest or Detention (Class A misdemeanor). The suspect was transported to Guadalupe County Jail and processed in without incident.

Chief Lowery emphasized the serious nature of such incidents, stating, *"When our youth engage in risky behavior, the consequences can be catastrophic and life-altering. It is important for parents, guardians, and educators to have open conversations about these behaviors and the severe repercussions they can bring."* Chief Lowery also extended his gratitude to the citizen who assisted in the apprehension, stating, *"I would like to personally thank and recognize the citizen who helped our officers take the suspect into custody. We truly couldn't do this without our residents and their dedication to keeping our city safe."* We also want to thank the Guadalupe County Precinct 3 Constables Office for their assistance and the continued support from the Schertz Cibolo Universal City ISD Administration during this investigation. There is no threat to the community and there were minimal interruptions to school activities.

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