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Police Officer Shot in the Line of Duty Update

KINGSVILLE, TX – The Kingsville Police Officer shot in the line of duty Monday afternoon remains in critical condition today. Officer Sherman Benys, the injured officer, has served 19 years in the City of Kingsville Police Department and is a valued veteran patrolman.

While the investigation into the shooting that left Officer Benys with serious injuries is ongoing, detectives have charged a suspect in this case. Alfredo DeLeon, 40, of Kingsville, Texas is facing three counts of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer or Fireman-Inchoate and one count of attempted murder. In this situation, inchoate is the attempt of an act, regardless of the outcome. The victim named in the attempted murder charge is related to DeLeon.

The police investigation has revealed DeLeon opened fire on responding officers. In response, two officers returned fire during the incident. One officer who returned fire was Officer Benys and the other was an officer involved in the initial response. Per standard operating procedure, the other officer is on administrative leave pending the outcome of an administrative investigation by the Office of Professional Standards. This is the process any time an officer discharges their weapon.

DeLeon remains in custody at the Kleberg County Jail this afternoon. Investigations are ongoing with multiple agencies assisting in the investigations which include the Kingsville Police Department, Kleberg County Sheriffs Office, County Attorney Task Force, Texas Rangers, and DPS.

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