

# Haltom City Police Department

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## MEDIA ADVISORY/NEWS RELEASE

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### 24H03245- Update

Haltom City, Texas – At approximately 7:10 a.m. on February 4, 2024, Haltom City Police officers responded to a report of an armed suspect attempting to break into an apartment in the Ladera Apartments (2029 Dayton St.) The suspect was able to gain entry to the apartment and a struggle ensued inside between the suspect and the residents.

When the officers approached the apartment, they encountered a male with a firearm pointed towards them. Fearing for their safety and the safety of others, one officer discharged their service weapon. Thankfully, no one was injured during the incident.

The intruder, later identified as 21-year-old Victor Castro, was subsequently apprehended, and taken into custody without further incident. The officer has been placed on administrative leave, which is procedure during an officer involved shooting investigation.

Mr. Castro has been transferred to the custody of the Tarrant County Jail, where he faces charges of:

- Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon: This is a second-degree felony, punishable by a prison sentence of 2-20 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.
- Burglary of a Habitation with Intent to Commit Other Felony: This is a first-degree felony, punishable by a prison sentence of 5-99 years or life and a fine of up to \$10,000.

At this time, a bond has not been set for Mr. Castro.

The Haltom City Police Department takes the use of force very seriously and understands the significant public interest in such incidents. We are committed to conducting a thorough and transparent investigation and will provide further updates as appropriate.

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