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## Press Release

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### Castillo Separates From City

Weslaco, TX — Police Corporal Baudillo Castillo separated from the City ending his 21-year tenure with the Weslaco Police Department as of February 17.

Castillo was placed on administrative leave on May 13, 2010 after allegations of criminal activity and departmental rules violations were made against him. The Internal Affairs investigation was completed on August 9, 2010, and findings were forwarded to the City's legal counsel for review. Management agreed to enter into a separation agreement with Castillo, minimizing any protracted litigation. The City now considers this matter closed. Following statutory authority (Local Gov. Code Sec. 143.089 (f)), Castillo's personnel file will remain confidential. Any further action may be at the discretion of outside law enforcement agencies.

"The City considers any allegations of wrongdoing seriously, and immediate action was taken," said City Manager Leonardo Olivares. "We placed Castillo on administrative leave, we initiated an IA investigation, and we referred criminal allegations to the FBI -- months before this story was publicized."

Due to the resignation of the prior chief, the City began interviewing new candidates with a recent appointment. "With a new chief of police, the City has a unique opportunity to reinvigorate the Department," said Olivares. "Under the leadership of Chief Juan Sifuentes, our continued commitment to protect and to serve the community will remain unsurpassed."

"The City has an hardworking, determined, and dedicated Department," said Sifuentes. "I am honored to be selected as Chief and look forward to guiding this Department in working smarter and being more responsive to its residents."

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