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Moises Jaimes' family during the walking trail name unveiling ceremony on July 1, 2026, at Independence Hills Park.

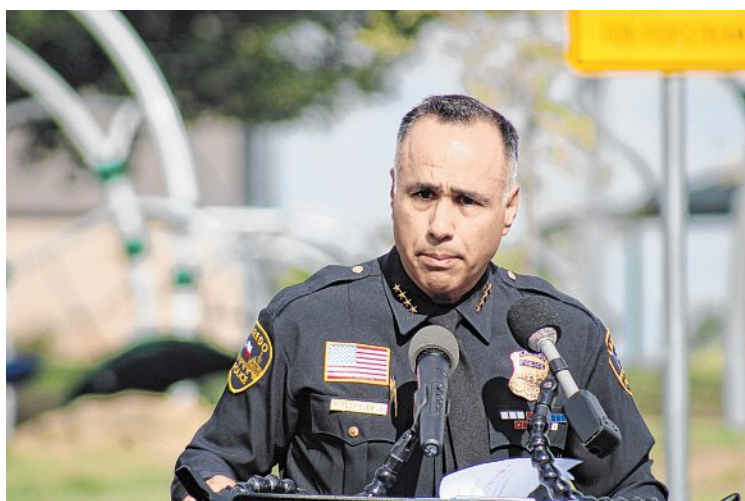
Police say months of work led to arrests in Jaimes investigation

By David Gomez Jr. STAFF WRITER

Days before Laredo police announced the arrests of two suspects in the fatal New Year's Day stray-bullet shooting that killed Moises Jaimes, Police Chief Miguel Rodriguez told the victim's family investigators believed the case was nearing a breakthrough.

Rodriguez said during the July 1 dedication of the Moises Jaimes Walking Trail at Independence Hills Park that detectives had increased what he described as the case's "solvability factor" from about 50% when the investigation began to approximately 98%.

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Laredo Police Chief addresses the family and the crowd gathered at the walking trail name unveiling ceremony on July 1, 2026, at Independence Hills Park.

Trump threatens Iran with more strikes

By Jon Gambrell and Seung Min Kim ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — President Donald Trump threatened Wednesday to unleash more military strikes against Iran after saying that Iranian attacks signaled the end of the ceasefire. But he later said the most recent exchange of fire with the Islamic Republic did not herald a return to full-scale war.

Trump, who is known for sending mixed messages about

his intentions, has repeatedly threatened to escalate strikes against Iran, only to pull back after claiming diplomatic progress. He said Wednesday that the U.S. would "probably hit them hard again tonight," and later added that the latest back-and-forth fighting would not result in "long-term" military action.

"Anything that happens is going to happen very fast," Trump said, though he also suggested the U.S. military might "just finish the job."

A day after assaults on com-

mercial shipping escalated into an exchange of strikes on Iranian and U.S. military targets, Trump also renewed his past threats to hit Iran's civilian infrastructure, including electric plants and desalinization plants, and to seize the oil-production hub of Kharg Island.

Speaking on the sidelines of a NATO summit in Ankara, Turkey, Trump said the strikes are continued retaliation for Iranian attacks on commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz.

"They are behaving very

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LPD: Man arrested in New Year's Day stray-bullet death of Moises Jaimes

By Jose De La Rosa STAFF WRITER

A man was arrested in connection with the New Year's Day stray-bullet death of Moises Jaimes, according to the Laredo Police Department.

Officers investigated the death of Jaimes, 44, who was struck by a stray bullet while outside his home in the 4400 block of Calle Puebla shortly after midnight on Jan. 1.

Jaimes was airlifted to a San Antonio hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

The investigation determined witnesses had reported people firing guns during a New Year's Eve celebration at a home in the 2200 block of Mina Verde Road.

Subsequent interviews, physical evidence and video recordings showed two suspects discharging a handgun and rifles in the backyard, police said.

The suspects were identified as 19-year-old Omar Tulio Perez Jr. and a 16-year-old teen.



Perez

Investigators recovered firearms and spent shell casings from the property, and a Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory report later confirmed the bullet recovered from Jaimes matched a handgun seized at the residence, according to police.

Arrest warrants were obtained charging Perez with criminally negligent homicide, a state jail felony, and deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor.

A judge also issued bench warrants charging the teen with the same offenses.

Both were taken into custody July 2 at the Mina Verde Road residence and transported to the Webb County Jail and Webb County Juvenile Detention Center, respectively.

Jail records show Perez was released July 3 after posting bonds totaling \$25,000.

Witnesses testify as child sexual abuse trial opens in Laredo

By Malena Charur STAFF WRITER

The trial of Carlos Zamora, who is charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child, began Tuesday with opening statements from the prosecution and the defense, followed

by testimony from several prosecution witnesses in the 341st District Court before Judge Oscar Hale.

Throughout the day, several witnesses testified about the investigation conducted after allegations of the sexual abuse

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Carlos Zamora watches as his defense attorney, Javier Guzman, questions a witness during his trial in the 341st District Court before Judge Oscar Hale on Tuesday, July 7, 2026. Zamora is charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child.

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