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## MEDIA ADVISORY

# SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA AS INTERIM SHERIFF OF HIDALGO COUNTY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

### Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

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**Edinburg, Texas** – The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court will accept the bond posted by J.E. "Eddie" Guerra and officially swear him in as the interim Sheriff of Hidalgo County. The ceremony will take place at **2:30 pm on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at Edinburg City Council Chambers**. Following the ceremony, Mr. Guerra will swear in the Sheriff's deputies at **3:30 pm at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Academy**.

Mr. Guerra has worked in law enforcement since 1995, when he began his career as a reserve deputy with the Hidalgo County Constable Office for Precinct 4. During his career he has also worked as a reserve deputy for the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office and Constable Office for Precinct 1. In 2008, Mr. Guerra ran for Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Constable, where he won the election by a two to one margin. He was re-elected into office in November 2012 for another four year term. By taking the position of Sheriff, Mr. Guerra is stepping down from his position as Constable. The court will begin the process of selecting an interim Constable at a later date.

Both ceremonies are open to the public and media. Refreshments will be available.

On the following page you will find a letter by Mr. Guerra regarding his new appointment.

### DETAILS

**WHAT:** Swearing-In Ceremony of J.E. "Eddie" Guerra as Interim Sheriff of Hidalgo County

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 2:30 pm

**WHERE:** Edinburg City Council Chambers  
415 W. University Dr.  
Edinburg, TX 78539

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**WHAT:** Interim Sheriff J.E. "Eddie" Guerra will swear-in Sheriff's Deputies

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 3:30 pm

**WHERE:** Sheriff's Office Academy  
711 El Cibolo Road  
Edinburg, TX 78541

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To the Residents of Hidalgo County:

I am honored to have been selected by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court in a unanimous vote to be the Sherriff for Hidalgo County, Texas.

When I made my choice to seek the nomination of the Court, I understood exactly what I was asking for; in accepting, I would be vacating an Office that I have poured my heart and soul into for the past four years, transforming it into the Office it is today, a respected Law Enforcement Agency in the community.

Add that to the fact that I was re-elected to another four (4) year term, which guaranteed that I would be serving the community through the year 2016. In terms that we all understand, I would be giving up the safety and stability of constable's office to enter into uncertainty.

The choice, as nerve racking as it was, is really a simple one; did I believe that I could truly make a difference? The answer is yes I do; and if it means giving up the comfort of stability to enter the fray of uncertainty, then so be it.

The citizens of Hidalgo County deserve to have a Sheriff that is going to do the right things for the right reasons. To make the tough decisions based on what's right not what's popular. And most importantly, be there for them in their time of need.

My first order of business tomorrow after I submit my bond and I am officially sworn into Office; is to address the hard working men and women at the Sheriff's Office. I am going to challenge them to work with me to regain the public's trust and admiration and lift the dark cloud over the Sheriff's Office.

The days to follow will be a comprehensive assessment of the Sheriff's Office and the services it provides to the public. We will build upon what works and fix what doesn't.

We will keep the public and the media updated as we move forward.

Sincerely,

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra  
Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Constable

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