

# Former Border Patrol agent, school cop, faces new child sex charges

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EDINBURG — A former Border Patrol agent accused sexually abusing a girl in his family for more than six years appeared in state district court this week to face eight more charges.

Jaime Ivan Ocañas, a 33-year-old Pharr resident, was formally charged Monday after a grand jury indicted him on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, four counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child, court records show.

The girl was improperly touched and forced to have oral sex, while sometimes given alcohol before having intercourse, according to court records state. She reported the accusations to police as an adult in October.

The allegations brought against him span a period from 1998, when the victim was 11 years old, to 2004, the records state.

Ocañas has worked as a Border Patrol agent and McAllen school district police officer.

The Associated Press said Border Patrol confirmed Ocañas worked for the agency between June 2001 and June 2007. The McAllen school district fired Ocañas in December. The district said he worked there five years, while not placed at a specific campus, but as an investigator. The district placed him on administrative leave when officials learned about the criminal investigation last fall.

In January, Pharr Municipal Judge Luis Singleterry set his bond at \$100,000 on the single charge of continuous sexual abuse of a child under the age of 14, *Monitor* archives show.

When arraigned in the 332<sup>nd</sup> state District Court on Monday, his bond was set at a total of \$30,000 for all eight charges.

It is the policy of *The Monitor* to not identify alleged victims of sexual abuse.

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