



# Texas Department of Public Safety

## Information for the News Media

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### **DPS releases name of Capitol shooting suspect**

At about 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010, a man fired several shots on the south steps of the Capitol. The 24-year-old man, who has been identified as Fausto Cardenas, had fired a small-caliber handgun. No one was injured in the incident. Cardenas was immediately taken into custody by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers. He was transported to the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

DPS investigators located a vehicle believed linked to the suspect on the west side of the Capitol Thursday afternoon.

The Texas Rangers are conducting the criminal investigation. No motive in the shooting has been established at this time, but it is believed that Cardenas acted alone. He faces charges of deadly conduct, a third degree felony.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds employees and visitors to the Capitol Complex to be vigilant at all times, be aware of their surroundings and be sure to report any suspicious activity or individuals immediately to Capitol Security at 512-463-3333.

We are unable to release additional information at this time.

***NOTE: Requests for a booking photo of Fausto Cardenas should be sent to the Austin Police Department at 512-974-5017.***

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