

38th DISTRICT ATTORNEY NEWS RELEASE



On March 6, 2025, a punishment trial was held for Saul Alonso, 18, of Uvalde, Texas. Saul Alonso was indicted in August 2024 by an Uvalde County grand jury for possession with intent to distribute tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in an amount of four grams or more but less than 400 grams, a first-degree felony. This indictment stems from the arrest of Saul Alonso and his brother, Armando Alonso, 20, following the execution of a search warrant at their residence in the Uvalde Estates in February 2024 by the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigations Division.

Saul Alonso pled guilty to the offense as indicted and was set for a punishment trial in the 38th Judicial District. At the trial, DPS Criminal Investigations Special Agent C. Valenzuela testified that DPS agents found two baggies of psilocin (mushrooms), multiple pills, a backpack full of taped bundles of a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine, numerous boxes containing THC cartridges, and three firearms in the residence, along with two Glock switch conversion devices. A switch conversion device, when attached to a handgun, alters the firearm from a semi-automatic pistol to a selective fire machine pistol capable of fully automatic discharge. Possession of this device, regardless of whether it is installed on the slide of a firearm, is illegal under federal law in the United States.

Special Agent C. Valenzuela testified that the DPS agents also observed "WDG" written in large bold letters on a bedroom door in the residence. Agent Valenzuela explained that WDG stands for the "Walk Down Gang," a violent criminal enterprise responsible for murders, violent robberies, and sexual assaults in the Bexar County area. Agent Valenzuela testified about their investigations of Saul Alonso and the methods by which the Alonso brothers were selling narcotics in the Uvalde County area. Saul Alonso admitted ownership of the narcotics found at the property. Armando Alonso admitted ownership of all the firearms and switch conversions and was taken into federal custody.

District Attorney Christina Mitchell argued that Alonso should be sentenced to 50 years, as the evidence and admission by the defendant justified a severe sentence given the amount of narcotics and firearms found in the residence and the danger and harm inflicted on the community. The 38th Judicial District Court sentenced Saul Alonso to 20 years of confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a \$500 fine.