

**Guerra v. Garza**

Qualified magistrates have the power to set bail. However, if bail has already been set by a qualified magistrate, only the court before which the case is pending may alter the amount or type of bail. Until a charging instrument is filed, the magistrate that enters orders under Article 15.17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure possesses sole jurisdiction of the defendant's charge. Once a charging instrument is filed in a court with jurisdiction, the court assumes jurisdiction, and the magistrate has no further jurisdiction or responsibility.