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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

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DATE:

JULY 17, 2018

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FROM: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

RE:

POLICE SHOOTING

CASE #:

HPD 2017-40270 & 2017-40269

INJURED:

VALDES-GUZMAN, Yaico

Based on the information obtained and reviewed during the course of the investigation, the conclusion of the staffing/review team is the following: The investigation has determined that following a spree of armed robberies at Hialeah Farm Stores, Hialeah Police Detectives were conducting surveillances of the establishments and looking for the subject vehicle.

On December 29, 2017, Yaico Valdes-Guzman was observed exiting the subject vehicle and covering his face with an article of clothing as he walked towards a Farm Store. Once there, he threatened the clerk with a knife in an attempt to rob her. When confronted by Detective Sevilla, Mr. Valdes-Guzman did not obey police commands and attempted to flee with the knife still in his hand. Detective Servilla then fired two shots and wounded the subject.

We find that Detective Servilla (04-1178) was legally justified in discharging his weapon at Valdes-Guzman, who had just committed the felony of Attempted Armed Robbery, as it was necessarily committed in the course of arresting this felon who was fleeing from justice.

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