



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO:	KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE State Attorney	DATE:	OCTOBER 16, 2018
FROM:	STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM	RE:	IN CUSTODY DEATH CLOSEOUT MEMO
		CASE #:	PD180130039693
		DECEASED:	SANCHEZ, Daniel

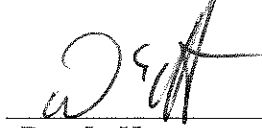
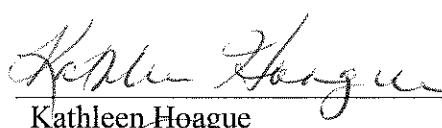
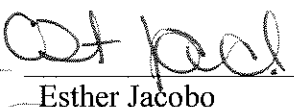
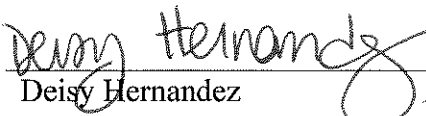
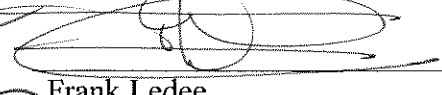


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Based on the information obtained and reviewed during the course of the investigation, the conclusion of the staffing/review team is the following: The investigation has determined that police officers were dispatched to a call regarding someone screaming in an apartment. Officers encountered Daniel Sanchez acting in a bizarre and agitated manner. Mr. Sanchez became aggressive at the sight of the officers. He was combative and would not comply with police instructions as they were trying to handcuff him. Subsequently, several Taser applications were discharged in order to get Mr. Sanchez under control.

Sometime afterwards, the officers noticed that the subject was unresponsive. The officers administered CPR and called for Fire Rescue. Mr. Sanchez was transported to the hospital and pronounced deceased.

The Associate Medical Examiner tasked with this case personally watched the recordings of the police body-worn camera videos, and in his opinion, Mr. Sanchez did not die due to excessive force or the use of the Taser. He determined that Mr. Sanchez' death resulted from acute psychosis and PTSD, which triggered cardiac arrest. Therefore, no charges will be filed against Officers Gladston Lawson (30-7648), Officer Francisco Mantilla (30-5984), Issa Itani (30-7097), or Lindsey Serrano (30-6942).

The members of the staffing/review team for this case are:

 Don L. Horn	 Kathleen Hoague	 Esther Jacobo
 Deisy Hernandez	 Frank Ledee	 Reid Rubin
 Christine Zahralban	Responding Member of Shooting Team	Responding Member of Shooting Team

Approved by State Attorney on this 17 day of Oct, 2018.

  
KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE  
State Attorney





INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2018

FROM: DAVID I. GILBERT  
SENIOR TRIAL COUNSEL

RE: IN CUSTODY DEATH CLOSEOUT MEMO  
CASE # 62/18/01/20/004

OFFICER(S) INVOLVED:	GLADSTON LAWSON (30-7648) FRANCISCO MANTILLA (30-5984) ISSA ITANI (30-7097) LINDSEY SERRANO (30-6942)
DECEASED	DANIEL SANCHEZ
INJURIES:	NONE
DATE & TIME:	JANUARY 30, 2018 AT 2:45 PM
LOCATION:	8250 SW 72 <sup>ND</sup> COURT, APT #415 MIAMI, FL 33143
WEAPON:	TASER
LEAD:	DEAN WELLINGHOFF, FDLE #1224
CASE #:	MI-37-0066
SAO CASE #:	62/18/01/20/004



## SUMMARY

On January 30, 2018, units from the Miami-Dade Police Department were dispatched to an apartment complex at 8250 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Court, in reference to a man screaming. Upon arrival, they were directed to Apartment #415, where they met Daniel Sanchez. Officer Gladston Lawson was the first officer to arrive, but he waited for backup before entering the apartment. There he saw a naked Daniel Sanchez screaming at the female with whom he shared the apartment. The interaction between Mr. Sanchez and the officers was recorded on body worn cameras. Mr. Sanchez refused to follow police commands to calm down and was eventually Tased by Officer Lawson. After the Tasing, he was handcuffed and continued to be combative, which is visible in the videos. A short time later he was observed to be unresponsive and Fire/Rescue was called to the scene while attempts were made to resuscitate him.


## CONCLUSION

The role of the State Attorney in this investigation and in conducting this review is limited to determining whether a criminal violation of Florida law has occurred, whether any person may be held criminally responsible, and whether such criminal responsibility can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. The State Attorney does not establish agency policy, procedures, and training requirements. Nor does the State Attorney have any responsibility for determining disciplinary action or pursuing civil litigation in these matters. In other words, given the applicable law, the State Attorney's role is to determine whether the actions of Officer Gladston Lawson, Officer Francisco Mantilla, Officer Issa Itani or Officer Lindsey Serrano constitute a criminal act that can be proven beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt.

I spoke to Dr. Fintan Garavan, Associate Medical Examiner, who performed the autopsy on Daniel Sanchez. Attached is Dr. Garavan's cause of death and the toxicology report. Dr. Garavan informed me that before he reached his conclusion about the cause of death, he personally watched all the Body Worn Camera videos recorded by the officers involved. In pertinent part, Dr. Garavan informed me that Mr. Sanchez is clearly alive and still resisting after the last Taser deployment and therefore he does not believe that he died from Taser use. He also noted that there was a lack of significant injuries, a lack of excessive force used by the officers, and no restriction to Mr. Sanchez's breathing. He concluded that Daniel Sanchez died from acute psychosis from his underlying Schizoaffective disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which triggered cardiac arrest. Even though the cause of death listed does not mention the Taser, I asked Dr. Garavan if the Tasing contributed to the cause of death and he said that in his opinion it did not.

As the cause of death of Daniel Sanchez did not involve any of the actions of Officer Gladston Lawson, Officer Francisco Mantilla, Officer Issa Itani or Officer Lindsey Serrano, there is no further need to review this matter for criminal police misconduct.

Prepared by:



Assistant State Attorney

Assistant State Attorney

# **Florida Department of Law Enforcement**

**Case Number: MI-37-0066**

**Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida**



## **Investigative Summary**

**In-Custody Death Investigation**

**Miami-Dade Police Department**

**Incident Date: January 30, 2018**

**Case Agent: Dean Wellingshoff**

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**Victim:**

Daniel Servando Sanchez  
White Male  
Date of Birth: June 19, 1984

**Involved Officers:**

Officer Gladston Lawson  
Officer Francisco Mantilla  
Officer Issa Itani  
Officer Lindsey Serrano  
Miami-Dade Police Department

**Incident Location:**

8250 SW 72 Court #415  
Miami, FL 33156

**Next of Kin:**

Kenneth Hull (Step-Father)  
Lila Munoz (Mother)  
16931 SW 92 Avenue  
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

**Initial Response****(IR #1)**

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at approximately 0551 hours, the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) respond to 8250 SW 72 Court #415, which is located within Miami-Dade County, Florida in order to investigate the in-custody death of Daniel Servando Sanchez, involving MDPD Officer Gladston Lawson, Officer Francisco Mantilla, Officer Issa Itani, and Officer Lindsey Serrano. Cross reference MDPD case number PD180130038693.

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at approximately 0630 hours, Special Agent (SA) Dean Wellinghoff was contacted by Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Felipe Williams and was advised to respond to the incident location in order to lead the investigation into this in-custody death. SA Wellinghoff arrived on scene at approximately 0715 hours and was briefed by MDPD Homicide lead Detective Daniel Aiken in a meeting room adjacent to the lobby of the apartment building where this incident occurred.

Initial investigation revealed that MDPD units had been summoned to 8250 SW 72 Court, #415, in an emergency response mode in reference to a 911 call advising of a male in that apartment who was heard screaming for help. Upon arrival, officers were directed to apartment 415 by the 911 caller, Ms. Giselle Saouda. Officers met with the occupants of apartment 415, which included Ms. Kerene Joseph and Mr. Daniel Servando Sanchez. Upon the arrival of police units at apartment 415, Mr. Sanchez was found inside naked and combative. Additionally, he was exhibiting signs indicative of excited delirium. At some point during the encounter between Mr. Sanchez and officers, a "Taser" was deployed and Mr. Sanchez was eventually placed in handcuffs. Subsequent to being placed in handcuffs, Mr. Sanchez became unresponsive. Officers called for Miami Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) and administered CPR on the scene. MDFR Engine 14 and Rescue 14 responded. Mr. Sanchez was transported to South Miami Hospital by MDFR where he was pronounced deceased.

Officers from MDPD secured apartment 415 as well as the elevator that was used to transport Mr. Sanchez from the fourth floor to the ground floor by MDFR.

**911 calls / Radio Communications / CAD report****(IR #2)**

On March 14, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained the "Incident Recall" report (CAD report) and digital recordings of the 911 call and dispatch of the units to the scene of this incident. Each of the items was reviewed and the following timelines were established:

911 Call:

On January, 30, 2018, at 04:46:44 hours, a 911 call was received from Ms. Giselle Saouda, the resident in apartment 416, who advised of a male screaming for help in apartment 415.

Radio Communications:

0438 hours	MDPD units K1507 (Officer Itani) and K1501 (Officer Lawson) were dispatched.
0439 hours	MDPD unit K1503 (Officers Mantilla and Serrano) advised they will respond to the call.
0440 hours	Officer Lawson requested that the dispatcher obtain an access code for the building.
0442 hours	First MDPD unit (Officer Lawson) arrives. All responding units advised arrival.
0445 hours	Officer Lawson requested that his backup officers to be "stepped up."
0447 hours	Officer Lawson advised the dispatcher of a Taser deployment.
0449 hours	Officer Lawson advised the dispatcher, "1501 in custody, we need rescue."
0450 hours	Officer Lawson advised the dispatcher that the subject was handcuffed but still very combative.
0452 hours	Officer Lawson advised the dispatcher that the male subject was unresponsive.

Incident Recall Report:

The Incident Recall Report was consistent with radio transmissions detailed above.

**Next of Kin Notification**

**(IR #4)**

Mr. Sanchez lived at 16931 SW 92 Avenue in Palmetto Bay, FL in a converted garage efficiency. His mother, Lila Munoz, and his step-father, Kenneth Hull, lived at the same location in the main dwelling portion of the home.

On January 30, 2018, at approximately 0911 hours, FDLE SA Nathan Waibel and MDPD Internal Affairs Sergeant Mirtha Viton met with Mr. Sanchez' mother, Lila Munoz, and step-father, Kenneth Hull, in a triage room in the South Miami Hospital Emergency Department. Mr. Hull provided a voluntary sworn recorded statement regarding Mr. Sanchez.

Mr. Hull stated that the last time either he or Ms. Munoz saw Sanchez was on January 30, 2018, at approximately 0100 hours when Mr. Sanchez came to his bedroom making statements that were out of character for him.

Mr. Hull indicated that earlier in the afternoon of January 29, 2018, Sanchez was in a normal state of mind and appeared to be functioning as he normally did. However, later that evening, at approximately 2200 hours or 2300 hours, Mr. Sanchez came to Mr. Hull's bedroom several times and appeared to be agitated. Mr. Sanchez exhibited "very bizarre behavior" and stated things such as, "You are my real father and I should have known that all along." Mr. Sanchez further stated that he was a prophet and that someone needed to wash his feet with their hair. At one point, Mr. Sanchez came into Mr. Hull's bedroom with a copy of the New Testament Bible and told Mr. Hull and Ms. Munoz that they "have to read this, you have to believe." Following this encounter, Sanchez left the home with his girlfriend, Ms. Joseph, to go to Ms. Joseph's residence (8250 SW 72 Court #415).

Mr. Hull advised that, in 2012 or 2013, Mr. Sanchez had a similar episode in which he claimed to be the Biblical character, Daniel. Mr. Sanchez had visited the site in the Middle East where, according to the Bible, Daniel was thrown into a lion's den. Since he shared the same name, he believed that he and the Biblical Daniel were the same person. As a result of his behavior at that time, Mr. Sanchez was involuntarily committed by police for a mental health evaluation (Baker Act).

Mr. Hull stated that in the past there have been other minor incidents similar to those mentioned above and that when Mr. Sanchez had these types of episodes, it was impossible to reason with him. Mr. Hull further stated that Mr. Sanchez was a Marine Corps veteran who served two tours in Iraq and was subsequently diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Schizophrenia. Mr. Sanchez was under the care of physicians at the Veterans Administration Hospital (VA) and had been prescribed numerous medications to treat these illnesses.

Mr. Hull stated that he was "gravely" concerned for Mr. Sanchez when he left the house but stated "there wasn't much I could do" because when "he's in that state, there's no reasoning with him."

Ms. Munoz was present during this interview; however, did not contribute anything additional to what Mr. Hull stated.

**Crime Scene Activities****(IR #3, 5)**

There were three scenes to be processed in this case; the first [scene 1] being apartment 415 within "AMLI Dadeland" located at 8250 SW 72 Court where police were summoned as a result of Mr. Sanchez screaming for help; the second [scene 2] being an elevator in the apartment building, which was used by MDFR to transport Mr. Sanchez to the first floor, and the third [scene 3] being South Miami Hospital, located at 6200 SW 73 Street, where Mr. Sanchez was transported to, and eventually pronounced deceased. MDPD Crime Scene Unit detectives, at the direction of FDLE Special Agents, processed each scene. The following was noted:

**Scene 1:** Apartment 415 is a one bedroom, one bathroom apartment which was leased by Kerene Joseph. MDPD Crime Scene Detective Robert Silvestre and FDLE SA Raul Perez documented the scene inside the apartment and noted the following:

- In the bedroom, an empty picture frame and an overturned table-top decoration was discovered on the floor west of the bed. A framed piece of art was also found on the floor on the south side of the bed.
- In the bedroom, on top of the dresser, a handwritten note was found which read, "I AM DANIEL SERVANDO SANCHEZ I AM GOD! THE MAN FORMALY known as Daniel Servando Sanchez"
- In the living room, an MDPD issued Automated External Defibrillator (AED), fecal matter, Taser cartridge wires, rosary beads, loose blue pills on the floor, two prescription medication containers (labeled Emtricitabine 200MG and prescribed to Daniel S Sanchez); one of which was missing the top and contained blue pills similar to the loose pills found on the floor.

**Scene 2:** The elevator scene was also processed by SA Perez and MDPD Detective Silvestre and contained strands of tangled Taser cartridge wires which were located on the floor. It should be noted that this elevator was used by MDFR personnel to transport Mr. Sanchez from the fourth floor to the first floor as resuscitation efforts were being performed.

**Scene 3:** South Miami Hospital: Mr. Sanchez was transported to South Miami Hospital by MDFR Rescue 14 and subsequently pronounced deceased. FDLE SA Michael Stein, MDPD Homicide Detective Joseph Cruz, and MDPD Crime Scene Detective Guillermo Besonias viewed and documented the condition of Mr. Sanchez' body which was located in treatment bay # 3 in the Emergency Department. The following was noted:

Mr. Sanchez was naked on a portable treatment table, laying face up, covered with a blue sheet. There were tattoos on his arms and chest. There was an intravenous line (IV) inserted in his left arm and a tube inserted in his throat consistent with efforts to save his life. There was a medical device attached to his third finger on his right hand and medical patches were affixed to his chest. He was cold to the touch and lividity was present and consistent with his body position. There were no petechial hemorrhages observed in his eyes. There was an abrasion visible on the inside portion of his left ankle and a small puncture was observed on the right shin. A small "taser chad" was visible on his right groin and on his left buttock. There was an abrasion in the center of his chest consistent with CPR. A small bruise was observed on his forehead and there were bruises / marks consistent with handcuffs on his wrists. Four (4) "taser probes" were observed in his back.

**Officer Processing****(IR #6)**

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at approximately 0820 hours, FDLE SA Jason Ravenel coordinated the processing of the involved officers (Gladston Lawson, Francisco Mantilla, Issa Itani, and Lindsey Serrano) with MDPD Crime Scene Detective Robert Silvestre. Each of the officers was processed in a meeting room in the lobby of the apartment building. Each of the four officers was dressed in an MDPD class "B" uniform which consisted of a brown uniform shirt with a silver badge and shoulder patches affixed, brown pants, black boots, and full duty belt.

Officer Lawson was the only officer who deployed a conducted electrical weapon (CEW) in this incident. His CEW (Taser, model X2 with serial number X29002HF8) was photographed and impounded. Additionally, there

were two deployed cartridges contained within the CEW which were also photographed and impounded. The serial numbers for those cartridges were C6201E2XD and C6200TCV1 respectively.

#### **Conducted Electrical Weapon Analysis**

**(IR #7)**

On January 30, 2018, FDLE SA Lawrence Andres examined and downloaded the CEW that was deployed and was assigned to Officer Lawson. The following chart details the activity on the date of the incident.

Time	Deployment	Duration
04:46:25 hours	Cartridge 1 deployed	9 seconds
04:47:41 hours	Cartridge 2 deployed	8 seconds
04:47:49 hours	Trigger pulled (C2)	3 seconds
04:48:09 hours	Trigger pulled (C1)	5 seconds
04:48:43 hours	Trigger pulled (C1)	6 seconds

#### **Area Canvass**

**(IR #11, 12)**

On January 30, 2018, FDLE SA Terrance Brinson, SA Raul Perez, and SA Steve Rossbach conducted a canvass of the fourth floor of the apartment building. There was no answer at the door to apartments 414, 417, 420, and 422. Residents of apartments 418 (Manny Remedios), 419 (Nestor Javech), and 421 (Jose Davilla) were contacted and advised that they neither saw nor heard anything.

SA Rossbach and MDPD Homicide Detective Christopher Perez made contact with the resident who lives in apartment 422 (Carlos Ros). Mr. Ros advised that he did not hear or see anything related to this incident. However, Mr. Ros stated that on Sunday, January 28, 2018, at approximately 1530 hours, he was exiting the elevator on the fourth floor when a male matching Mr. Sanchez' description staggered onto the elevator. According to Mr. Ros, the male behaved as if he were under the influence of narcotics as the male staggered into the elevator with his hands out to his sides and his eyes closed. Mr. Ros also indicated that there was no odor of an alcoholic beverage evident which caused him to believe that the male was under the influence of narcotics. Mr. Ros further stated that he has noticed a strong odor of marijuana on the fourth floor, but has not notified management of his concerns.

#### **Video Evidence**

#### **Cellular Phone Video**

**(IR #14)**

During the incident, Ms. Joseph appeared to be taking photos or video on her cell phone. SA Stein obtained written consent to conduct forensic analysis on Joseph's cellular phone. FDLE SA Aida Limongi responded to South Miami Hospital and met with SA Stein and took possession of the phone (Apple iPhone 7 Plus with serial number A1661). SA Limongi performed a forensic analysis of the cellular phone and successfully extracted data from it. SA Wellinghoff reviewed the images contained in the data extraction report obtained from SA Limongi and found 4 images related to this incident and 4 video files. Neither the images nor the video files yielded any information not already captured on police body cameras.

It should also be noted that Ms. Joseph was in possession of a digital camera which she had removed from the apartment and taken to the hospital where Sanchez was being treated. SA Stein also obtained written consent from Joseph to conduct forensic analysis on the removable SD card which was contained within the camera. SA Limongi successfully extracted data from the SD card. SA Wellinghoff reviewed the images contained in the data extraction report obtained from SA Limongi and found that there were no images related to this incident on the SD card.



Following forensic analysis on Ms. Joseph's cellular phone and SD card, all items were returned to Ms. Joseph on February 3, 2018, at her apartment building by SA Wellinghoff. The return of this property was witnessed and captured on body camera by MDPD Officer Daniel Rodriguez (ID 7448).

#### **Body Worn Camera Video**

**(IR #13)**

On February 1, 2018, SA Wellinghoff responded to MDPD Headquarters and obtained two discs containing body camera footage from the officers who responded to the scene. Body camera footage captured by each of the officers' cameras on the date of the incident was reviewed and the following was noted:

*Note: All times indicated in this investigative report are based upon the timestamp on the video footage.*

#### **Officer Gladston Lawson**

**(IR #13)**

Officer Lawson's body camera footage for this incident began at 04:42:55 hours and ended at 05:11:52 hours. It began with Officer Lawson inside of an elevator with two individuals; a male and a female, later identified as Giselle Saouda and Juan Lopez. Ms. Saouda and Mr. Lopez are residents of the building and Ms. Saouda is the person who called police to the scene. They led Officer Lawson to apartment 415 and then Officer Lawson asked them to go back to the first floor to assist backup officers in entering the building.

As Officer Lawson stood outside the door of apartment 415, a male could be heard yelling from inside the apartment. Officer Lawson remained at the door for a short time and then knocked on the door. Shortly thereafter, a black female (later identified as Ms. Joseph) opened the door, breathing heavily, and advised Officer Lawson, "We're just praying." Officer Lawson asked the female if he could make sure that everything was okay at which time the female stated, "sure", and she waved him inside and said, "come, come." Ms. Joseph led Officer Lawson to the bedroom where Mr. Sanchez was located. As she led Officer Lawson to the bedroom, Ms. Joseph advised that "he's naked" and "he's been acting like weird, so I'm just like praying for him." As Officer Lawson stood at the threshold of the bedroom door, Mr. Sanchez was observed seated naked on the edge of the bed. Mr. Sanchez appeared agitated and was speaking incoherently. Mr. Sanchez began yelling loudly, "I fuckin crossed the seas", followed by unintelligible words. Mr. Sanchez was acting irrationally and yelled at Officer Lawson, "you still hear that" and "all you needed was to hear that one time mother fucker." He then yelled at Officer Lawson and Ms. Joseph, "now you go back to where the fuck you all niggers go." Ms. Joseph approached Mr. Sanchez trying to calm him down by rubbing his chest; however, Mr. Sanchez continued to rant and then got up from the bed, and in an aggressive manner, began to approach Officer Lawson. Ms. Joseph attempted to stop Mr. Sanchez, at which time, Officer Lawson stepped out of the apartment and requested (over the police radio) backup officers be "stepped up".

As backup officers arrived to the apartment, Officer Lawson knocked on the door again and Ms. Joseph opened the door. By this time Mr. Sanchez had moved into the living room (when officers entered) and he was kneeling down by a television console table yelling unintelligible words/sounds. Ms. Joseph stood between Mr. Sanchez and officers as the officers instructed Mr. Sanchez to get on the ground. Mr. Sanchez appeared to be in a very agitated state and refused officer's commands. He then charged towards officers in an aggressive manner and, in the process, knocked Ms. Joseph to the ground partially pinning her under the couch in the living room. Officer Lawson deployed his Taser into the back of Mr. Sanchez at which time Mr. Sanchez rolled onto his back. Officers attempted to place handcuffs on Mr. Sanchez; however, he refused to comply with commands to place his hands behind his back. Officer Lawson subsequently deployed his Taser four additional times due to the fact that Mr. Sanchez was combative and refused to comply with officers' commands to place his hands behind his back. At 04:47:33 hours, as he struggled with officers, Mr. Sanchez stated, "I'm God". Officers continued to struggle to place Mr. Sanchez in handcuffs and, at 04:49:44 hours, Officer Lawson advised the dispatcher, "1501 in custody, we need rescue." During this time, Ms. Joseph was also refusing commands to remain back and out of the way as Mr. Sanchez continued to be combative after being placed in handcuffs. Subsequently, once placed into handcuffs, Mr. Sanchez became unresponsive and was turned over onto his back, moved to the living room area, and officers performed CPR on him. The

remainder of the video footage from Officer Lawson's body camera shows resuscitation efforts by officers on scene. At 05:06:57, MDRF personnel arrived and assumed responsibility for resuscitation efforts.

**Officer Francisco Mantilla**

**(IR #13)**

Officer Mantilla's body camera footage showed him arriving with his partner, Officer Serrano. Officer Mantilla, Officer Serrano, and Officer Itani were able to gain entry into the building through a door on the south east side, which was unlocked. Once they entered the building and walked towards the lobby area, they were met by Ms. Giselle Saouda, and escorted up to the fourth floor. As Officer Mantilla arrived to apartment 415, Mr. Sanchez was observed standing by a television console table in the living room. Mr. Sanchez was then seen kneeling down by the table and speaking unintelligibly. Ms. Joseph stood in between officers and Mr. Sanchez as officers instructed Mr. Sanchez to get on the ground. As Officer Itani attempted to move around Ms. Joseph, Mr. Sanchez charged toward officers and grabbed Ms. Joseph around the left leg, forced her to the ground, and appeared to strike her in the back of the head with his left hand. Officer Lawson discharged his Taser at Mr. Sanchez who was lying on top of Ms. Joseph as she was partially pinned under the couch. Footage showed officers attempting to handcuff Mr. Sanchez; however, he continued to resist those efforts. Mr. Sanchez was very combative and after several Taser deployments from Officer Lawson, he was finally handcuffed and subdued. The footage also revealed that Ms. Joseph continued to interfere and was ordered multiple times to get back. Based on Officer Mantilla's body camera, it appeared that, after Mr. Sanchez was handcuffed, he continued to be combative and Officer Mantilla appeared to be keeping Mr. Sanchez pinned to the ground by kneeling on his back. Mr. Sanchez became quiet. Soon after, Officer Mantilla checked on his status and found that Mr. Sanchez was unresponsive. Mr. Sanchez was subsequently rolled onto his back and officers checked for a pulse and breathing. At 04:53:30 hours, Officer Mantilla advised that there was no pulse. However, at 04:53:36 hours, it sounded as if Mr. Sanchez took a breath and Officer Mantilla stated, "he's breathing, he's breathing, is he breathing?" Officers then began to perform CPR on Mr. Sanchez and Officer Mantilla responded to his vehicle in order to obtain a mask to provide breaths to Mr. Sanchez. After Officer Mantilla retrieved his mask, he immediately responded back to the apartment and provided it to officers who were performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez and then he exited the apartment at 05:00:35 hours.

*(Note: At approximately 04:48:34, Officer Mantilla appeared to extend his expandable baton; however, he closed it right away and did not appear to use it on Mr. Sanchez.)*

The remainder of the video footage showed officers and MDPD personnel performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez and subsequently removing him from the scene.

**Officer Lindsey Serrano**

**(IR #13)**

Officer Serrano's body camera footage showed her arriving to the apartment building with her partner, Officer Mantilla. It then showed the interaction between officers and Mr. Sanchez inside the apartment and showed Mr. Sanchez forcing Ms. Joseph to the ground and charging at officers. The footage also showed Ms. Joseph repeatedly refusing commands to stay back and interfering with officer's efforts to place Mr. Sanchez in custody.

The remainder of the footage showed officers performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez and was consistent with camera footage of Officer Lawson, Officer Mantilla, and Officer Itani. Officer Serrano was also heard advising other officers that she noticed that Mr. Sanchez' skin was hot to the touch.

**Officer Issa Itani**

**(IR #13)**

Officer Itani's body camera footage began with Officer Itani entering the apartment. (Note: There is no audio for the first 30 seconds of the video.) As he entered the apartment, Mr. Sanchez was kneeling down by the television console table in the living room and Ms. Joseph is also present in the living room. Officer Itani had

his Taser pointed at Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Sanchez was observed saying something. Officer Itani approached Mr. Sanchez and, when he did, Ms. Joseph stepped in front of him and stood between him and Mr. Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez then lunged forward towards officers and over Ms. Joseph. It appeared as if Officer Itani was struck by either Ms. Joseph or Mr. Sanchez as Mr. Sanchez charged at officers. It appeared then that Officer Lawson deployed his Taser at Mr. Sanchez.

After 30 seconds, audio is activated and officers were heard giving commands to Mr. Sanchez to get on the ground. Mr. Sanchez refused to comply with any commands. As officers were giving commands to Mr. Sanchez, Officer Itani grabbed Mr. Sanchez' right wrist in an attempt to restrain him. It appeared that Officer Itani was able to get a handcuff on Mr. Sanchez' right wrist; however, Mr. Sanchez continued to be combative and he resisted efforts to place him in custody. Mr. Sanchez was heard yelling, "I didn't do anything" and he refused commands to put his hands behind his back. In the background, Ms. Joseph was heard saying, "Daniel do it okay." As Officer Itani was struggling to place the second handcuff on Mr. Sanchez' left wrist, Mr. Sanchez managed to pull his left hand away and an officer (believed to be Officer Lawson) stated, "I'm going to zap him again." At one point, there was a second pair of handcuffs that were attached to the first pair that were on Mr. Sanchez' right wrist. Mr. Sanchez was able to pull his right arm away and remained combative and was speaking intelligible words/sounds. After struggling with officers for some time, Mr. Sanchez was finally handcuffed and Officer Lawson was heard advising over the radio, "1501 in custody, we need rescue."

After being placed in handcuffs, Mr. Sanchez continued to yell and be combative. Officer Mantilla was observed holding Mr. Sanchez to the ground by placing his knee on his upper back. During this time, officers also had to manage and deal with Ms. Joseph who was not complying with commands to stay back and appeared to be interfering with officers' efforts. Soon after Mr. Sanchez stopped yelling and moving, Officer Mantilla got off of his [Mr. Sanchez] back and officers realized that Mr. Sanchez was unresponsive. Officer Itani checked for a pulse but did not find one. At 04:52:20 hours, an officer advised the police dispatcher, "got an unresponsive male." Mr. Sanchez was rolled onto his side and at 04:52:49 hours, an officer stated "He's breathing." He was then placed on his back and at 04:53:34 hours, Officer Mantilla and Officer Lawson checked for a pulse; however, could not find one. At 04:53:37 hours, it appeared that Mr. Sanchez inhaled a breath which was evidenced by an audible sound and a movement of his head. An officer was then heard saying, "he's breathing, he's breathing." Officer Itani began performing chest compressions on Mr. Sanchez at 04:54:49 hours. AED pads were placed onto Mr. Sanchez' chest at 04:55:34 hours and the AED advised "No shock advised. Start CPR." The video footage showed the MDPD Officers providing CPR to Mr. Sanchez. Once MDRF personnel arrived, Officer Itani responded out into the hallway to speak to Ms. Joseph.

While in the hallway, Ms. Joseph stated that Mr. Sanchez had asked her for marijuana. She further advised that Mr. Sanchez had stopped taking his medication because they were placebos. Ms. Joseph also advised that prior to this incident, Mr. Sanchez had been "reading and praying and he was just saying a whole bunch of stuff like 'Tupac, he's unplugged' ". Ms. Joseph indicated to Officer Itani that Mr. Sanchez had begun breaking things in her apartment and she was just praying for him. According to Ms. Joseph, Mr. Sanchez told her, "You don't believe I'm Tupac." Ms. Joseph was conversing with Mr. Sanchez and told him that he is not Tupac, at which time Officer Lawson arrived and knocked on the door. The remainder of the video footage captured dialogue between officers and Ms. Joseph and included dialogue between MDRF Lieutenant Martinez and Ms. Joseph regarding medical issues.

<b>Officer Cheick Kaba</b>	<b>(IR #13)</b>
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Officer Kaba was not present on the scene at the time of the incident and responded to the scene with his partner, Officer Robert Fernandez. His body camera footage showed CPR being performed by Officer Kaba and other officers on the scene. Ms. Joseph was seen interfering with officers as they performed CPR on Mr. Sanchez. Officer Kaba removed the handcuff from Mr. Sanchez' left wrist and then pulled his right arm out from under his back and removed the handcuff from his right wrist in order for MDRF personnel to treat him. At approximately 05:13:28, MDRF Lieutenant Martinez asked officers if Mr. Sanchez was naked when police arrived and whether or not he was sweating and screaming. The officers on scene affirmed that Mr. Sanchez

was naked on arrival and was sweating to which Lieutenant Martinez stated, "could've been excited delirium." The footage also showed resuscitation efforts by MDPD officers and MDFR personnel.

Additional footage documented events which occurred while Officer Kaba was at South Miami Hospital with Officer Robert Fernandez and Ms. Joseph. At 06:31:27 hours, Ms. Joseph attempted to climb onto the gurney to lay with Mr. Sanchez; however, Officer Fernandez advised her that she could not do that. At 06:36:43 hours, as Officer Kaba, Officer Fernandez, and Ms. Joseph stood in the room where Mr. Sanchez' body was located, Ms. Joseph told Officers Fernandez and Kaba that earlier in the morning, Mr. Sanchez spoke to his step-father at his home and was "saying the things he did wrong which he needs to be arrested for" and "he said that he shot a black guy." At 06:41:09 hours, Ms. Joseph picked up what appeared to be an intravenous tube which was on the gurney and attempted to connect it to an IV bag hanging next to Mr. Sanchez and was ordered by Officer Fernandez to stop.

At 07:04:03 hours, Ms. Joseph went to the sink in the room and wet a paper towel and when asked what she was doing by Officer Fernandez, she stated that Mr. Sanchez had something in his eyes. She then walked back over to Mr. Sanchez and began wiping his eyes and stated, "he wants me to get it out." She continued to wipe his face and then was advised to stop by Officer Kaba. Ms. Joseph was eventually asked to leave the room and to wait in a waiting room.

<b>Officer Robert J. Fernandez</b>
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Officer Robert Fernandez was not present on the scene at the time of the incident. His body camera footage captured his arrival with his partner, Officer Kaba. The footage showed resuscitation efforts by officers and MDFR personnel. It also captured conversation in the hallway between Ms. Joseph and officers.

Additional footage documented events which occurred at South Miami Hospital. At 06:23:22 hours, Ms. Joseph entered room number 3 (in the emergency room) where Mr. Sanchez was lying deceased on a hospital gurney. She was accompanied by Officer Fernandez and Officer Kaba. At 06:27:49 hours, Ms. Joseph placed an examination glove on her right hand and began making some motions to the eyes of Mr. Sanchez. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Joseph stated to Officer Fernandez and Officer Kaba, "He moved. You saw that?"

The remainder of the video captured footage is consistent with Officer Kaba's body camera.

<b>Officer Julio Martos</b>
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Officer Martos was not on scene at the time of the incident. His body camera footage showed CPR being performed on Mr. Sanchez and resuscitation efforts by MDFR personnel

<b>Officer Juan Fernandez</b>
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<b>(IR #13)</b>
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Officer Juan Fernandez was not present on the scene at the time of the incident. His body camera footage showed Officer Fernandez running to the apartment and CPR being performed by MDPD officers and MDFR personnel. Additional footage showed the interaction in the hallway outside the apartment between officers and Ms. Joseph.

<b>Sergeant Adrian Ulmer</b>
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Sergeant Ulmer was not present on the scene at the time of the incident. His body camera footage showed CPR being administered by officers. It also showed interactions between him and Ms. Joseph in the hallway after Ms. Joseph was ordered out of the apartment due to her interference with officers who were providing CPR to Mr. Sanchez. Sergeant Ulmer and Officer Itani spoke with Ms. Joseph in the hallway. The content of the conversation is documented above with Officer Itani's information.

**Sergeant Eddie Galvez****(IR #13)**

Sergeant Galvez was not present on the scene at the time of the incident. His body camera footage showed Sergeant Galvez as he responded to the apartment with an AED. When he arrived at the apartment, CPR was being performed on Mr. Sanchez by officers.

Footage also showed Sergeant Galvez responding to the ground floor to assist MDRF personnel in entering the building. It also showed Sergeant Galvez speaking with Ms. Saouda who told Sergeant Galvez that she heard a male screaming for help so she called police. She further advised Sergeant Galvez that she had smelled marijuana coming from the apartment recently.

**Law Enforcement Interviews****Officer Lindsey Serrano****(IR #15)**

On January 30, 2018, FDLE SA Confesor Gonzalez obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDPD Officer Lindsey Serrano which was also attended by MDPD Homicide Detective Kurt Berardino, MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau (PCB) Sergeant Kent Jurney, and Miami-Dade County Assistant State Attorney (ASA) David Gilbert. Officer Serrano indicated the following in her statement:

Officer Serrano has been a police officer for approximately 2 months and was riding with Officer Francisco Mantilla on the date of this incident. Officer Serrano and Officer Mantilla responded as backup officers to call reference a male screaming for help. As Officers Serrano and Mantilla were responding to the apartment in question, Officer Serrano heard the first arriving officer (Officer Lawson) asking for assistance. Once Officer Serrano arrived to the apartment, she observed Sanchez kneeling on the floor with his hands over his head, naked, screaming, and "going really crazy". Officer Serrano indicated that, due to Sanchez' "crazy" behavior, a Taser was deployed twice and officers attempted to handcuff Sanchez. Officer Serrano advised that Sanchez' girlfriend (Ms. Joseph) was in the apartment and was getting in the way, so she engaged Ms. Joseph and attempted to keep her calm and out of the way. Officer Serrano observed her fellow officers struggling with Mr. Sanchez while she was attempting to keep Ms. Joseph and a large dog, which was also in the apartment, out of the way. Officer Serrano decided to assist in efforts to place Mr. Sanchez in custody at which time she placed one of her feet on Mr. Sanchez. Officer Serrano stated that Mr. Sanchez was being combative throughout the entire ordeal and was eventually placed into custody after the fourth "taser deployment". Mr. Sanchez subsequently stopped breathing and officers, including Officer Serrano, administered CPR.

**Sergeant Eddie Galvez****(IR #16)**

On January 30, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDPD Sergeant Eddie Galvez who responded to the incident location. Sergeant Galvez was interviewed in a meeting room in the business center on the first floor of the apartment building where this incident occurred. Also present during the interview was MDPD Homicide Detective Christopher Perez and MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Sergeant Kent Jurney. Sergeant Galvez provided a sworn statement and indicated the following:

Sergeant Galvez heard a call dispatched regarding a male who was screaming at the incident location. After the first officer arrived, Sergeant Galvez heard the officer request that backup officers be "stepped up". Upon hearing this transmission, Sergeant Galvez responded to the incident location. Sergeant Galvez arrived at the apartment building and, as he began to enter, Officer Lawson requested over the radio that an AED be brought up to the apartment. Sergeant Galvez then responded back to his police vehicle and retrieved an AED and then responded to the apartment. Upon his arrival at the apartment, Sergeant Galvez observed Mr. Sanchez handcuffed and lying on his back and Officer Cheick Kaba and Officer Serrano were performing CPR. After delivering the AED, Sergeant Galvez entered and exited the apartment at various times in order to assist other officers and MDRF personnel in entering the building and directing them to the apartment. According to Sergeant Galvez, the AED was utilized; however, no shock was advised.

**Sergeant Adrian Ulmer****(IR #17)**

On January 30, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDPD Sergeant Adrian Ulmer who responded to the incident location. Sergeant Ulmer was interviewed in a meeting room in the business center on the first floor of the apartment building where this incident occurred. Also present during the interview was MDPD Homicide Detective Christopher Perez and MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Sergeant Kent Jurney. Sergeant Ulmer provided a sworn statement and indicated the following:

Sergeant Ulmer heard transmissions on the radio from officers on the scene which sounded as if they were in distress. He then heard a radio transmission advising that a "Taser" had been deployed and officers requested that MDRF be dispatched. Upon hearing these transmissions, Sergeant Ulmer responded to the scene in order to assist officers on scene there. As Sergeant Ulmer arrived, he was advised that an Ambu bag was needed, therefore Sergeant Ulmer retrieved one from his vehicle and then responded with other officers to apartment 415. Upon arriving to the apartment, Sergeant Ulmer handed the Ambu bag to another officer on scene and it was subsequently used to provide CPR on Mr. Sanchez.

Sergeant Ulmer advised that he observed Mr. Sanchez' girlfriend (Ms. Joseph) interfering with officers as they provided CPR to Mr. Sanchez and refusing officer's commands to stay back. Therefore, Sergeant Ulmer escorted Ms. Joseph out of the apartment and into the hallway where he remained with her. While in the hallway, Sergeant Ulmer spoke to Ms. Joseph and she advised him that Mr. Sanchez was on medication; however, she was unaware of what type. Ms. Joseph further advised Sergeant Ulmer that Mr. Sanchez had wanted to purchase marijuana earlier in the day.

**Officer Juan Fernandez****(IR #18)**

On January 30, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDPD Officer Juan Fernandez who responded to the incident location. Officer Fernandez was interviewed in a meeting room in the business center on the first floor of the apartment building where this incident occurred. Also present during the interview was MDPD Homicide Detective Daniel Aiken, MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Sergeant Kent Jurney, and MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Lieutenant Matthew McGarey. Officer Fernandez provided a sworn statement and indicated the following:

Officer Fernandez responded to the incident location after hearing Officer Lawson advise over the police radio that a "Taser" had been deployed and he sounded distressed. When Officer Fernandez arrived at the apartment he observed Mr. Sanchez lying on the floor and an officer performing CPR / chest compressions on him. An officer on the scene handed Officer Fernandez an Ambu bag at which time Officer Fernandez assisted in performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. CPR was performed until MDRF personnel arrived at which time medical care was assumed by them. Officer Fernandez then exited the apartment and maintained scene security and had no further involvement in this case.

**Officer Julio Martos****(IR #19)**

On January 30, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDPD Officer Julio Martos who responded to the incident location. Officer Martos was interviewed in a meeting room in the business center on the first floor of the apartment building where this incident occurred. Also present during the interview was MDPD Homicide Detective Daniel Aiken and MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Sergeant Kent Jurney and MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Lieutenant Matthew McGarey. Officer Martos provided a sworn statement and indicated the following:

Officer Martos responded to the incident location as a backup officer to Officer Lawson who had requested assistance while at the incident location. When Officer Martos arrived, he observed Mr. Sanchez lying on the floor "unconscious". Officer Martos advised that he checked for a pulse on Mr. Sanchez but could not find one. He further indicated that Mr. Sanchez was also not breathing; therefore, officers began performing CPR on

him. Officer Martos performed chest compressions on Mr. Sanchez along with other officers on the scene. According to Officer Martos, Mr. Sanchez' girlfriend (Ms. Joseph) was inside the apartment and was interfering with the officer's efforts to resuscitate Mr. Sanchez. Due to Ms. Joseph's interference, Officer Martos escorted her out of the apartment and into the hallway where she remained with other officers. Officer Martos advised that he had no further involvement in this case.

**Officer Cheick Kaba**

**(IR #20)**

On February 7, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDPD Officer Cheick Kaba, one of the officers who responded to the incident location. Officer Kaba was interviewed at MDPD's Kendall District Station located at 7707 SW 117 Avenue. Also present at the interview was MDPD Homicide Detective Daniel Aiken and MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Sergeant Kent Journey. Officer Kaba provided a sworn statement and advised the following:

Officer Kaba is a Probationary Police Officer who was riding with his Field Training Officer, Officer Robert Fernandez, on the date of the incident. Officers Kaba and Fernandez responded to a call for assistance by an officer on the scene. Upon Officer Kaba's arrival at the apartment, he observed officers performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. Officer Kaba assisted the other officers in performing CPR until Miami Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) personnel arrived to provide care to Mr. Sanchez.

MDFR personnel treated Mr. Sanchez on the scene and then transported him to the hospital. Officer Kaba advised that he and Officer Fernandez were instructed to follow MDRF to the hospital due to the fact that Mr. Sanchez' girlfriend (Ms. Joseph) had been "acting up". Officer Kaba did not take any statements from anyone regarding this case and had no further involvement in this case.

**Officer Robert Fernandez**

**(IR #21)**

On February 7, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDPD Officer Robert Fernandez, one of the officers who responded to the incident location. Officer Fernandez was interviewed at MDPD's Kendall District Station located at 7707 SW 117 Avenue. Also present at the interview was MDPD Homicide Detective Daniel Aiken and MDPD Professional Compliance Bureau Sergeant Kent Journey. Officer Fernandez provided a sworn statement and advised the following:

Officer Fernandez is a Field Training Officer who was riding with his trainee, Officer Cheick Kaba, on the date of the incident. Officers Fernandez and Kaba responded to a call for assistance by an officer on the scene regarding an unresponsive male. Upon Officer Fernandez' arrival at the apartment, he observed officers performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. Officer Fernandez instructed Officer Kaba to assist the other officers in performing CPR which was continued until Miami Dade Fire Rescue (MDFR) personnel arrived to provide care to Mr. Sanchez.

MDFR personnel treated Mr. Sanchez on the scene and then transported him to the hospital. Officers Fernandez and Kaba followed MDRF to the hospital and subsequently stood by with Mr. Sanchez' girlfriend (Ms. Joseph). Officer Fernandez did not take any statements from anyone regarding this case and had no further involvement in this case.

**Fire Rescue Response and Interviews**

**Firefighter / Paramedic Jorge Ulloa**

**(IR #8)**

On February 7, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDRF Firefighter/Paramedic (FF) Jorge Ulloa at Station 14 which is located at 5860 SW 70 Street. FF Ulloa was assigned as the driver of Engine 14 on the date of the incident. He advised that he along with his crew responded to a call at the incident location regarding a cardiac arrest. FF Ulloa advised that upon arrival, members of his crew exited the



engine and entered the building. FF Ulloa had to find parking for engine and then he entered the building. By the time FF Ulloa entered the building and arrived to the elevators on the first floor, MDRF personnel were already in the process of moving Mr. Sanchez to the first floor via the elevator. When the elevator opened, FF Ulloa observed MDRF personnel performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez and he also observed a small amount of blood on the floor of the elevator which he subsequently cleaned up. He stated that it appeared to be drops of blood that possibly came from the area where an IV had been inserted into Mr. Sanchez. FF Ulloa advised that he never responded to the apartment where this incident occurred. He further advised that he and his crew followed the rescue vehicle that transported Mr. Sanchez to the hospital.

**Firefighter / Paramedic Eduardo Calero**

**(IR #8)**

On February 7, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDRF FF Eduardo Calero at Station 14 which is located at 5860 SW 70 Street. FF Calero was a member of the crew on Engine 14 on the date of the incident and, as such, responded to the scene. When FF Calero arrived at the apartment, he observed an MDPD officer performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. FF Calero relieved the officer and began performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. MDRF personnel treated Mr. Sanchez in the apartment and then prepared him for transport to the hospital. Prior to transporting Mr. Sanchez to the hospital, a "Lucas" device was applied to Mr. Sanchez which provided constant compressions.

**Lieutenant Manuel Martinez**

**(IR #8)**

On February 7, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDRF Lieutenant (Lt.) Manuel Martinez at Station 56 which is located at 16250 SW 72 Street. Lt. Martinez was the officer in charge of Rescue 14 on the date of this incident. Lieutenant Martinez and his crew were dispatched to a medical emergency call at the incident location. Upon arrival, Lt. Martinez was advised by an officer on scene that the individual he was coming to treat may be deceased. Lt. Martinez advised his crew to bring all necessary equipment and they responded to the apartment where Mr. Sanchez was located.

When Lt. Martinez arrived inside the apartment, he observed two officers performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez and he also observed that an AED was attached to Mr. Sanchez. Lt. Martinez asked the officers if the AED had advised to shock Mr. Sanchez, and it had not. Lt. Martinez and his crew began treating Mr. Sanchez per MDRF protocols and requested that MDRF Engine 14 respond to assist. Members from Engine 14 arrived to assist and Mr. Sanchez was prepared for transport to the hospital. Mr. Sanchez was placed onto a stretcher and transported to the first floor where a "Lucas" device was then applied which performed continuous chest compressions on Mr. Sanchez. He was then placed into Rescue 14 and transported to South Miami Hospital. According to Lt. Martinez, Mr. Sanchez' girlfriend (Ms. Joseph) also responded to the hospital and arrived while Lt. Martinez was still on scene. Lt. Martinez advised that Ms. Joseph entered the room where Mr. Sanchez was being treated and began screaming at officers, medical staff, and rescue personnel.

**Firefighter / Paramedic David Cerezo**

**(IR #8)**

On February 7, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDRF FF David Cerezo at Station 53 which is located at 11600 SW Turnpike Highway. FF Cerezo responded with members of MDRF Rescue 14 to the incident location after being dispatched to a call reference a "sick person". When FF Cerezo arrived on scene, there were officers performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. FF Cerezo stated that a MDRF "Lifepack" was applied to Mr. Sanchez and he was "asystole". FF Cerezo assisted in performing compressions on Mr. Sanchez and then applied an IV to Mr. Sanchez for further treatment. Mr. Sanchez was subsequently transported to the hospital and was then turned over to medical staff there.



**Lieutenant Rowan Marques****(IR #33)**

On February 22, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDFR Lt. Rowan Marques at Station 14 which is located at 5860 SW 70 Street. Lt. Marques was the command officer assigned to Engine 14 on the date of the incident. Lt. Marques and his crew responded to a call at the incident location in order to assist MDFR Rescue 14 with a patient in cardiac arrest. Lt. Marques advised that upon arrival, members of Rescue 14 were performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. Lt. Marques' crew assisted the members of Rescue 14 with placing Mr. Sanchez on a stretcher in order to transport Mr. Sanchez to the hospital. He advised that Mr. Sanchez was transported to the ground floor in an elevator by members of Rescue 14 while he accompanied Ms. Joseph to the first floor in another elevator. He had no further involvement in this case.

**Firefighter / Paramedic Adam Gettinger****(IR #33)**

On February 28, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDFR FF Adam Gettinger at Station 14 which is located at 5860 SW 70 Street. FF Gettinger was a member of the crew on Rescue 14 on the date of the incident who responded to the scene. When FF Gettinger arrived with the rest of the crew, they responded to the apartment. Upon arrival at the apartment, it appeared that Mr. Sanchez was in cardiac arrest at which time FF Gettinger was told to respond back to the rescue vehicle to retrieve the stretcher. FF Gettinger ran back to the rescue vehicle, obtained the stretcher, and then took it to the apartment. Once he arrived back at the apartment, he began to assist in providing medical assistance to Mr. Sanchez. He observed that Mr. Sanchez had Taser probes in his back which were left in place as treatment continued. He also described that an IV tube which was connected to Mr. Sanchez became caught in the stretcher and was dislodged as they attempted to place the stretcher into the elevator on the fourth floor. The IV was reinserted and Mr. Sanchez was subsequently transported to the hospital in the rescue vehicle. FF Gettinger did not have any further involvement in this case.

**Firefighter / Paramedic Drew Lorenzo****(IR #34)**

On March 21, 2018, SA Wellinghoff obtained a sworn recorded statement from MDFR FF Drew Lorenzo at MDFR Station 62 located at 7055 SW 144 Street in Palmetto Bay, FL. FF Lorenzo believed that he assisted in performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. He did not hear any statements from any of the officers on scene and had no further involvement in this case.

**Civilian Witness Interviews****Giselle Saouda****(IR #9)**

On January 30, 2018, FDLE SA Steve Rossbach and MDPD Homicide Detective Christopher Perez obtained a sworn recorded statement from Giselle Saouda. Ms. Saouda was awakened to some noises at approximately 0430 hours but did not know what they were. She then heard a male screaming for help and cursing. The male sounded "desperate" as he screamed for help. Ms. Saouda called police (911) for help and advised the call taker what she was hearing. She then responded along with her husband to the first floor to meet police as they arrived so she could give them access to the building. Within moments of her arriving to the lobby, the first officer (Officer Lawson) arrived. Ms. Saouda and her husband, Juan Lopez, escorted Officer Lawson to apartment 415. After leading Officer Lawson to the apartment, Ms. Saouda heard more screaming coming from inside the apartment. Officer Lawson requested that Ms. Saouda and Mr. Lopez respond back to the lobby to allow additional officers into the building which they did. Following that, Ms. Saouda and Mr. Lopez escorted those officers to the fourth floor. The additional officers met with Officer Lawson after which all of the officers entered the apartment. She did not see any of the interaction that followed between officers and Mr. Sanchez.

Ms. Saouda mentioned to SA Rossbach that for a few weeks prior to this incident, she had noticed the odor of marijuana coming from apartment 415 on multiple occasions.

**Juan Lopez**

**(IR #10)**

On January 30, 2018, Mr. Lopez, who resides with his wife (Ms. Saouda) in apartment 416, provided a sworn recorded statement to SA Rossbach and MDPD Detective Christopher Perez. Detective Perez conducted the interview due to the fact that Mr. Lopez' preferred language is Spanish. Mr. Lopez' statement was consistent with Ms. Saouda's as he was present with her in their apartment and he too heard a male screaming from inside apartment 415. He also indicated that he and Ms. Saouda assisted officers in entering the apartment building and he too has noticed the odor marijuana coming from apartment 415 in recent weeks.

**Kerene Joseph**

**(IR #24, 30)**

On January 30, 2018, SA Stein responded to South Miami Hospital and conducted a recorded interview of Ms. Joseph. Also present with SA Stein during this interview was MDPD PCB Sergeant Mirtha Viton and MDPD Homicide Detective Joseph Cruz.

Ms. Joseph advised SA Stein that Mr. Sanchez had trouble sleeping recently and had claimed to be a prophet. She further stated that Mr. Sanchez was allergic to "RFID" chips, which she thought may have been in Mr. Sanchez' body. Earlier in the evening, at approximately 2140 hours, Ms. Joseph was at Mr. Sanchez' home taking a nap when Mr. Sanchez became angry about something and woke her up. According to Ms. Joseph, Mr. Sanchez was reading something and told her, "You need to read." Mr. Sanchez was very agitated over something but Ms. Joseph could not articulate what he was angry about. At some point after that, Mr. Sanchez went to his step-father's (Mr. Hull) room and then returned and told Ms. Joseph that Mr. Hull had previously killed a black man and he ran out of the house. Mr. Sanchez and Ms. Joseph subsequently left Mr. Sanchez' home and responded to Ms. Joseph's apartment.

After arriving to the apartment, Mr. Sanchez became loud and began breaking items in Ms. Joseph's bedroom. He also began saying things such as, "the English language is a curse" and "everyone is living in sin, the President is a sinner." Mr. Sanchez also told Ms. Joseph that he was "Tupac" (Tupac Shakur) and he was in an angry state of mind. When officers arrived, there was a confrontation between officers and Mr. Sanchez. Mr. Sanchez stated to officers that he was "God" and "Daniel the prophet". Ms. Joseph advised that officers pushed her down and she believed that many officers deployed their "Tasers" on Mr. Sanchez. After Mr. Sanchez was initially "tasered", Mr. Sanchez did not go to the ground. Ms. Joseph knew that Mr. Sanchez was "tased" several more times and sometime later, she saw officers performing CPR on Mr. Sanchez. Officers tried to keep her away from Mr. Sanchez as she tried to "pray for him and they told her that she was interfering and threatened to arrest her if she did not stay back.

While discussing this incident with SA Stein, Ms. Joseph asked SA Stein if he had ever seen the movie, "The Matrix" to which SA Stein stated no. Ms. Joseph then proceeded to conduct a search on her cell phone for scenes from "The Matrix" in order to show it to SA Stein. Upon finding an image on her phone, she showed SA Stein an image of a character named "Neil" who could control reality. She stated that Mr. Sanchez believed that he too could control reality.

During the course of the interview, Ms. Joseph rambled on and had a problem staying focused. At times, she could not be understood.

It should be noted that, during the interview, Ms. Joseph provided signed consent search forms for her apartment as well as her electronic devices, i.e., her cell phone and the SD card inside her digital camera.

On January 30, 2018, SA Nathan Waibel conducted an interview of Mr. Hull and Ms. Lila Munoz (refer to "Next of Kin" section above).

On February 8, 2018, SA Wellinghoff received a telephone call from Mr. Hull at which time Mr. Hull reiterated statements he previously made to SA Waibel. Additionally, he stated that when Mr. Sanchez came into his room experiencing "religious psychosis", it was a "red flag" that something was wrong with Mr. Sanchez.

On March 26, 2018, after speaking with Miami-Dade County Assistant Medical Examiner Dr. Fintan Garavan, SA Wellinghoff met with Mr. Hull and Ms. Munoz in an effort to prepare a timeline of events for January 29 and January 30, 2018 as it related to Mr. Sanchez. Mr. Hull spoke with SA Wellinghoff while Ms. Munoz sat in the room but did not participate in the interview. Mr. Hull advised the following:

On January 29, 2018, between 1800 hours and 1900 hours, Mr. Hull dropped his vehicle off at a repair facility in South Dade and asked Mr. Sanchez to pick him up and give him a ride home. Mr. Sanchez picked up Mr. Hull and appeared to be in a normal state of mind at that time. At 1939 hours, Mr. Hull and Mr. Sanchez had a discussion over a toy car in their living room and Mr. Sanchez appeared to be fine. At some point during the evening, Mr. Hull removed a pistol, which he is licensed to carry, from his person and pointed it at a wall to check the functionality of a laser which is affixed to the pistol. Mr. Sanchez criticized Mr. Hull for doing that and became afraid that Mr. Hull was going to shoot him. Sometime later, Mr. Sanchez entered Mr. Hull's room and went into the nightstand where Mr. Hull keeps the pistol and removed the bullets from the gun. *(Note: Mr. Hull advised that, after the incident involving police at Ms. Joseph's apartment, he found the bullets to his gun in Mr. Sanchez' room.)*

On January 30, 2018, at approximately 0100 hours, Mr. Sanchez came into Mr. Hull's bedroom in a "religious delusional state" and was acting abnormally. Mr. Hull did not want to call police because he feared that police would perform a "Baker Act" as they had done years prior and Mr. Sanchez would be angry if that were done again. However, as previously stated, Mr. Hull was "gravely" concerned for Mr. Sanchez at that time.

SA Wellinghoff asked Mr. Hull if Mr. Sanchez' room could be checked for his medication or any other drugs. Mr. Hull stated that he had already been in Mr. Sanchez' room and had not found anything but that he would check further and contact SA Wellinghoff if he located anything in the future.

On April 11, 2018, SA Wellinghoff contacted Mr. Hull to inquire whether or not he had found any of Mr. Sanchez' medication at the home. Mr. Hull indicated that he did find medication and agreed to provide it to SA Wellinghoff in order for the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner to evaluate it. SA Wellinghoff responded to the home and impounded the following medication and forwarded the information to Dr. Garavan:

- One pill bottle marked Trazadone 100mg prescribed to Daniel S Sanchez and filled on December 19, 2017. The bottle contained 14 white tablets.
- One pill bottle marked Quetiapine Fumarate 400mg prescribed to Daniel S Sanchez and filled on December 19, 2018. The bottle contained 66.5 tablets.
- One pill bottle marked Clonazepam .5mg prescribed to Daniel S Sanchez and filled on January 18, 2018. The bottle contained 88 pink tablets.
- One pill bottle marked Propranolol 10mg prescribed to Daniel S Sanchez and filled on January 18, 2018. The bottle contained 49 pink tablets.
- One pill bottle marked Venlafaxine 75mg prescribed to Daniel S Sanchez and filled on January 18, 2018. The bottle contained 74 pink capsules.

During this meeting with Mr. Hull, he recalled that on the evening of Mr. Sanchez' death, during one of the visits to Mr. Hull's room, Mr. Sanchez was carrying a prescription pill container which he handed to Mr. Hull and stated, "This is my guilty pleasure." Mr. Hull found this to be odd behavior and looked in the bottle and

found what appeared to be ground up tobacco with possible marijuana in it. Mr. Hull gave the bottle back to Mr. Sanchez and never saw it again.

#### Medical Examiner's Report

(IR #19, 22, 32)

An autopsy was performed by Miami-Dade Assistant Medical Examiner Dr. Fintan Garavan on January 31, 2018. The autopsy revealed the following:

- Multiple bruises
- Bruising to the left sternocleidomastoid muscle.
- Bruising to the left thyrohyoid muscle
- Bruising to the trapezius muscle
- Fractured left anterior rib (resuscitation related)
- Pulmonary edema.
- 4 "Taser" prongs attached to posterior torso.

Dr. Garavan indicated in his report that, "The autopsy demonstrated multiple bruises consistent with a struggle as indicated in multiple Police body cameras. There was bruising to the wrist consistent with handcuffs, bruising to the chest and limbs consistent with restraining and 4 Taser prongs were attached to the posterior torso. There is no evidence of asphyxia (no conjunctival or scleral hemorrhage) and no significant injuries." He further indicated that, "Having reviewed the multiple Police Cameras I do not believe the level of force used to subdue Daniel was excessive and does not seem to interfere with his ability to breathe. Therefore it is my opinion that Daniel was experiencing a natural acute psychosis from his underlying Schizoaffective disorder and PTSD."

After completing the autopsy and examining all evidence in this case including a neuropathological examination of the brain, Dr. Garavan concluded, "The stimulation of his cardiovascular system secondary to his mesolimbic system over-activation together with the antipsychotic drugs that can affect the cardiac cycle, the physical struggle and the stress of the confrontation all combined to induce a sudden cardiac death." The Medical Examiner's Investigations Report indicated the following:

- Cause of Death: "Acute psychosis complicating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Schizoaffective Disorder."
- Contributory Cause: "Physical struggle during psychosis" and "Hypertensive heart disease."
- Manner of Death: Accident

#### Laboratory Results

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Toxicology tests performed by the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office revealed that Cannabinoids, Tetrahydrocannabinol and prescription medication including Cyclobenzaprine, Norcyclobenzaprine, Nortriptyline, Quetiapine, Trazodone, Chlorophenylpiperazine, and Venlafaxine, and Desmethylvenlafaxine were detected in Mr. Sanchez' blood. Furthermore, there was no evidence of designer drugs.

#### Summary Analysis

All evidence in this case was reviewed. Ms. Joseph indicated in her statement to SA Stein that she believed multiple officers deployed their conducted electrical weapons (CEW) during this incident. Based upon review of the body cameras of the involved officers and the analysis of Officer Lawson's CEW, it has been determined that only Officer Lawson deployed his CEW.

## Conclusion


The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has completed a comprehensive investigation into the death of Daniel Servando Sanchez while in the custody of officers of the Miami-Dade County Police Department. This presentation of facts is based on law enforcement witnesses, civilian witnesses and physical evidence. FDLE submits this investigative summary to the Office of the State Attorney for their review and disposition.

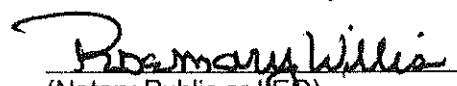
## Notarizations

I swear that the foregoing is a true and accurate summary of facts either personally known to me, or derived from statements provided to me or to other law enforcement officers during the course of this investigation.

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018

  
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