

Close-out Memorandum of the  
Investigation Regarding  
Gabriel Gelpi-Rodriguez  
June 6, 2024



State Attorney's Office  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit  
Miami-Dade County  
December 10, 2025



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE  
State Attorney

DATE: December 9, 2025

FROM: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

RE: SAO Case #: 62/24/06/06/001

DECEASED: Gabriel Gelpi-Rodriguez

Based on the information obtained and reviewed during the course of the investigation, the conclusion of the staffing/review team is the following:

On June 6, 2024, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) Robbery Intervention Detail (RID) Units received information about the location of a white Nissan Altima with a California tag that was suspected to have been used in an Armed Robbery. While police had the vehicle under surveillance, they received additional information that the Armed Robbery suspects, Gabriel Gelpi-Rodriguez and Robert Schnering, may be staying in an apartment where the vehicle was parked. While police attempted to contact the occupants in the apartment, a Hispanic female, later identified as Gelpi-Rodriguez's girlfriend, opened the door to the apartment next door; inside the apartment was also Gelpi-Rodriguez's mother, who advised her son was in one of the bedrooms. RID detectives entered the apartment in line and began to move through the residence conducting a security sweep. Detective Adames was the first to enter the bedroom and encountered Gelpi-Rodriguez, who sprung out of a closet armed with a screwdriver and grabbed Detective Adames' wrist. The Detective discharged his weapon, striking Gelpi-Rodriguez, who was pronounced deceased at the hospital. The incident was captured on the Detective's body worn camera.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 776.012, after reviewing the facts and evidence, including body worn camera footage, the use of deadly force by MDSO Officer Kelvin Adames 30-9953 is determined to be legally justified.

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

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Howard Rosen

/s/ Deisy Hernandez

Deisy Hernandez

/s/ Stephen K. Talpins

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Jose Arrojo

/s/ Marie Jo Toussaint

Marie Jo Toussaint

Approved by State Attorney on this 10 day of Dec, 2025.

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KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE  
State Attorney



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: December 9, 2025

FROM: Shawn Abuhoff  
Assistant State Attorney

RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO

SAO Case #62/24/06/06/001

Joshua Weintraub  
Assistant State Attorney

OFFICER INVOLVED:	Detective Kelvin Adames ID # 30-9953, MDSO
DECEASED:	Gabriel Gelpi-Rodriguez
DATE & TIME:	June 6, 2024 @ 10:43 P.M.
LOCATION:	40 NW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Apt. #5, Homestead, Florida 33030
WEAPON:	Glock 17, Gen5, 9mm Semi-Auto Pistol, S/N BGYH197
LEAD/REPORTS:	S.A. Ignacio Molina, FDLE / Report Received 9-18-2025
CASE #:	FDLE Case # MI-27-0260
SAO CASE #:	62/24/06/06/001

## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

On June 6, 2024, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office ("MDSO") Robbery Intervention Detail ("RID") Units received credible information from MDSO Robbery detectives of the location of a white Nissan Altima, California tag #7WDT464, backed into a parking space at 40 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Homestead, Florida 33030. This vehicle was suspected to have been used in an armed robbery earlier that day by the suspects, Gabriel Gelpi-Rodriguez (hereinafter "Gelpi-Rodriguez") and Robert Schnering. While surveilling the vehicle, further information was received that the suspects may be staying in apartment #6 within the building located at that address. Detectives were unsuccessful with attempting to make contact with anyone inside of apartment #6, however, as RID detectives were leaving, a Hispanic female, later identified as Crystal Sanchez Gil (Gelpi-Rodriguez's girlfriend), opened the door to apartment #5 and made contact with them. She was immediately detained, as was another resident of apartment #5, Tamara Rodriguez. Ms. Rodriguez identified herself Gelpi-Rodriguez's mother and confirmed that her son was home and inside one of the apartment bedrooms.

RID detectives, including Detective Adames, entered the apartment in line and began to move through the residence conducting a security sweep. At the front of the line was Detective Freire (with a ballistic shield), followed by Detectives Adames, Arreola, Santiago, Angulo, Reyes, and Sergeant Baskins (in that order). While going room by room, the layout of the apartment bedrooms made it so that Detective Adames was the first to enter the bedroom where the shooting occurred. He audibly stated that the bedroom was "clear," before attempting to open the closet. While the Detective was opening the closet, Gelpi-Rodriguez lunged out of the closet and grabbed Detective Adames' wrist with one hand while holding a screwdriver in the other. In response, the Detective fired his department issued firearm several times towards Mr. Gelpi-Rodriguez, striking him multiple times. He was transported to HCA Kendall Regional Medical Center Trauma Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

Detective Adames' body worn camera is the only video footage capturing Gelpi-Rodriguez jumping out of the closet, and the Detective's response. All other body worn cameras, and all associated recorded statements, captured the events prior to and after the shooting. It was confirmed that Detective Adames was the only deputy to discharge his firearm during this event, having fired his weapon 10 times (10 spent 9mm casings were located on scene). A red/clear "Husky" brand, 10-inch screwdriver was also located on scene. Detective Santiago can be heard on numerous body worn camera videos saying that the "screwdriver is in his right hand," after the shooting had taken place and before any MDSO deputies had moved Gelpi-Rodriguez's body. Detectives later moved the screwdriver away from Gelpi-Rodriguez body for officer safety and it was photographed by crime scene. When laboratory analysis was performed on the screwdriver, the DNA profile from the buccal swab standard collected from Gelpi-Rodriguez matched the profile found on the screwdriver. Also, toxicology records indicate Gelpi-Rodriguez had cocaine and its metabolites in his system at the time of the incident.

## **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 MDSO Detective Kelvin Adames constituted a criminal act that can be proven beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt.

The undersigned attorneys have reviewed the MDSO and Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE") case files regarding this incident, including sworn statements, crime scene photographs, body worn camera of all involved officers, 911 calls, and other evidence compiled under FDLE Case # MI-27-0260 and/or kept by the Sheriff's Office. These case files are complete and thorough, and the State of Florida adopts the FDLE report into this memorandum and offers the following conclusion based upon an independent review of the evidence.

Florida statute §776.012(2) provides the use of deadly force is legally justified if:

"[a] person...reasonably believes that using or threatening to use [deadly] force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony." [A] person who uses or threatens to use deadly force in accordance with this subsection does not have a duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground if the person using or threatening to use the deadly force is not engaged in a criminal activity and is in a place where he or she has a right to be".

When deputies made entry, they attempted to go room by room trying to locate Gelpi-Rodriguez. When Detective Adames attempted to open the closet that the deceased was hiding in, Gelpi-Rodriguez lunged at Detective Adames, while holding a screwdriver, and grabbed his arm. Faced with the threat of deadly force (a screwdriver would be considered a deadly weapon in the manner in which it was threatened to be used in this case), the law allows an officer to respond with similar force to defend himself. Based upon the force that the deputy was presented with, there was a significant risk of death or bodily harm to himself that night. Based on the circumstances, the law justifies his response to the deceased's aggressive, and potentially deadly actions. As such, the State finds this officer-involved shooting to be legally justified under Florida law.

Prepared by:

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