

Close-out Memorandum of the
Investigation Regarding
Ramon de Jesus Blanco
July 25, 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 #: 62/24/07/25/002
DECEASED: Ramon de Jesus Blanco

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

On July 25, 2024, at about 12:42 P.M., the City of Miami received 911 calls reporting an older Hispanic male armed with a firearm, and hearing gunshots. One of the 911 calls even captured the sound of a gunshot, and the reporter indicated the shooter was under a tree with the firearm. A witness on scene captured some of the police interaction with the shooter using his cell phone. When police arrived, the camera audio captures officers yelling in English and Spanish for Ramon de Jesus Blanco to put the gun down, followed by gunfire. The witness provided a sworn statement indicating Blanco shot two or three times at police, and they returned fire. Officer Moreno was equipped with a body worn camera which reveals Blanco's right arm raised pointing a firearm in the direction of the officers. The audio captures loud commands made by multiple officers for Blanco to drop the firearm and get on the ground. When Blanco failed to comply with the lawful orders, Officer Moreno, Officer Narino, and Sgt. Bernal all discharge their weapons simultaneously. Blanco died on the scene. A .357 caliber revolver was recovered next to Blanco with three spent casings.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 776.012 and 776.05, after reviewing the facts and evidence, including witness statements, body worn camera footage, and surveillance video, the use of deadly force by City of Miami Officers Morena and Narino, and Sgt Bernal is determined to be legally justified.

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


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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: December 2, 2025

FROM: Sara Imm
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RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO
SAO Case # 62/24/07/25/002

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OFFICERS INVOLVED:	Sgt. David Bernal ID #01-40897 MPD Officer George Narino ID # 01-41875 MPD Officer Pedro J. Moreno ID # 01-44357 MPD
DECEASED	Ramon de Jesus Blanco
DATE & TIME:	July 25, 2024 at 12:48 P.M.
LOCATION:	SW 5 th Avenue & SW 3 rd Street
WEAPONS:	Smith & Wesson Revolver .357, S/N K90960 (Ramon de Jesus Blanco) Glock 17, Gen5, 9mm, S/N 9029M1A (Officer Narino) Glock 17, Gen5, 9mm, S/N 9015M1A (Sgt. Bernal) Cobalt, .223 rifle, S/N CK01910 (Officer Moreno)
LEAD/REPORTS:	S.A. Ricardo Martinez, FDLE/Report received 8-5-2025
CASE #:	MI-27-0263
SAO CASE #:	62/24/07/25/002

SUMMARY OF FACTS

At approximately 12:42 PM on July 25, 2024, the City of Miami dispatch began receiving 911 calls from concerned residents in the area of SW 5th Avenue and SW 3rd Street. Multiple callers reported having seen an older Hispanic male armed with a firearm and having heard gunshots. While one resident is on the line with dispatch, an additional gunshot can be heard in the background. The resident indicated that was the third shot, and that the shooter remained on the corner of SW 5th and SW 3rd under a tree and still had the firearm in his hand.

At 12:44 PM dispatch advised that shots were fired at SW 5 Ave and 3 Street and that the subject was a white male, 63 years of age, in a white shirt and armed with a gun in his hand. At 12:46 PM, dispatch advises that there was a third call from the same location reference three shots fired. At 12:47 PM Unit 740 advised that they had visual on the subject and then gunshots are captured on the transmission. One minute later, at 12:48, an officer advises that shots have been fired and requests rescue.

While on the phone with dispatch and situated about a half of a block away, the concerned citizen also takes a short video on his cell phone. The video does capture an individual, later identified as Ramon de Jesus Blanco standing on the corner of SW 5th Avenue and SW 3rd Street. The video shows a left side profile and so the firearm is not clearly visible. When City of Miami officers arrive, the camera is pointing down but the audio from the video captures multiple officers yelling in English and Spanish to put the gun down, followed by gunfire. After the gunfire stops, the concerned citizen can be heard stating: "He shoot, that's why they killed him." The witness later provided a sworn statement to Special Agent Alvarez, where he further explained that Blanco shot at the officers, he believes two or three times, causing them to respond.

Subsequent examination of the .357 caliber revolver recovered next to Blanco's body revealed that it contained three spent casings, consistent with the three shots having been fired prior to police arrival. Additional examination of the weapon further determined that the revolver was actually inoperable at the time it was recovered. It is unknown what exactly caused the revolver to stop functioning after the first reported shots were fired. Accordingly, the crime scene evidence does not support Mr. Pichardo's conclusion that Blanco actually fired at the officers after they arrived. It does, however, support the fact that Blanco was in possession of the revolver at the time of police arrival and that the weapon had been recently fired.

Officer Moreno was equipped with body worn camera. He activated his camera while in route to the call. The camera shows that Officer Moreno arrived at 12:47:51 and parked his vehicle in the intersection. Officer Moreno stepped outside of his vehicle, and several other units are already present also stopped in the intersection, at least one of which was marked with City of Miami Police insignia. Officer Moreno's camera faced directly at Blanco, who is wearing a white t-shirt, and has his right arm raised pointing a firearm in the direction of the officers. The audio captures loud commands made by multiple officers for Blanco to drop the gun and get on the ground. Commands were made in both English and Spanish. Blanco does not respond to the officers' commands and does not move. Officer Moreno, Officer Narino, and Sgt. Bernal all discharge their weapons simultaneously. It is not clear from the audio exactly how many rounds are fired in total, or which officer actually fired first.

Investigation revealed additional surveillance footage from prior to police arrival. Blanco is seen walking in the roadway after exiting his apartment. Blanco appears to be stumbling, walking in circles, as though he is heavily intoxicated and has what looks like a firearm in his right hand. Blanco's family reported that he suffered from depression. One of the 911 callers also reported that Blanco was known to suffer from mental illness and abuse alcohol.

Blanco was declared deceased on scene by City of Miami Fire Rescue. The autopsy conducted by Assistant Medical Examiner, Nicholas Barna, who determined the cause of death to be multiple gunshot wounds. Six projectiles were removed from Blanco's body and were linked to the Gen5 Glock pistols issued to Sgt. Bernal and Ofc. Narino. Also, toxicology testing revealed Blanco had a high level of ethanol (alcohol) in his blood stream, as well as prescription medication he was taking for depression.

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 Sergeant David Bernal, ID # 01-40897 MPD; Officer George Narino ID # 01-41875 MPD; and Officer Pedro J. Moreno ID # 01-44357 constitute a criminal act that can be proven beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt.

The undersigned attorneys have reviewed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement case file regarding this incident, including the sworn statements, 911 calls, crime scene photos, body worn camera footage, video footage, dispatch reports, and other evidence gathered in this investigation. We find the FDLE file to be complete and thorough, and incorporate it into this memorandum and offer our conclusion based on the results of our independent review of the evidence.

Florida Statute 776.012 permits the use of deadly force when a person believes such a force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or another or to prevent the commission of a forcible felony. Further, Florida Statute 776.05 permits a law enforcement officer to use any force that he or she believes is necessary to defend himself or herself or another from bodily harm while making an arrest.

Based on a review of the law and the evidence, Ramon de Jesus Blanco was armed with a revolver that could have been used to cause death or serious bodily injury to the arriving officers or other civilians present at the scene. Ramon de Jesus Blanco did not respond to repeated commands to drop the weapon given by multiple officers. At the time that the three officers fired their service weapons, the revolver was raised and pointed in their direction. The responding officers were aware that Ramon de Jesus Blanco was armed that he had recently fired the weapon he was holding in a dense residential neighborhood. Accordingly, Sgt. Davide Bernal and Officers George Narino and Pedro Moreno reasonably believed that discharge of their firearms was necessary to prevent serious bodily harm to themselves or others. Therefore, the officers' shooting of Ramon de Jesus Blanco was legally justified.

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