

Close-out Memorandum of the
Investigation Regarding
Jason Brad Pearce
September 7, 2017



State Attorney's Office
Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Miami-Dade County
March 27, 2018



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE
State Attorney

DATE: January 9, 2026

FROM: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

RE: SAO Case #: 62/25/02/26/001
Injured: Roiran Mendez 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 February 26, 2025, members of the MDSO Street Terror Offender Program Task Force were conducting surveillance on Roiran Mendez Rodriguez, a suspected gang member wanted on a bench warrant and in the U.S. without proper immigration status. During the surveillance operation, a vehicle associated with Rodriguez was located in a parking garage, and Sergeant Richard Trujillo advised the surveillance team an individual matching Rodriguez's description was walking into the garage. A few minutes later, Detective Carlos Calzadilla advised he observed that individual entering the vehicle. Detective Pimentel responded to the area and observed Detective Calzadilla's unmarked vehicle with its red and blue lights activated parked directly behind a vehicle. Detective Pimentel observed Detective Calzadilla standing near the front driver's side door of the vehicle, repeatedly commanding the driver to show him his hands. As Detective Pimentel approached the vehicle, he heard one gunshot, but did not see the circumstances leading up to the discharge.

Detective Pimentel drew his weapon and instructed Rodriguez in English to show his hands and exit the vehicle. Rodriguez complied, was placed on the ground, and handcuffed. Detective Pimentel noticed a wound to Rodriguez' face, and fire rescue responded to administer first aid. Rodriguez was transported to the hospital and treated for a superficial gunshot injury to the face. At the hospital, in a post-Miranda statement, Rodriguez told the lead investigator he left his apartment, walked to his vehicle, was organizing his belongings in the car, and noticed someone tapping on the window. While holding his cell phone in his hand, Rodriguez turned toward the person and then realized it was a police officer pointing his weapon, yelling in English, but he could not understand what the officer was saying. Rodriguez indicated he continued to look at his cellular phone in his hand, and the officer discharged his weapon striking him in the face. Rodriguez stated he moved into the passenger seat and exited the car through the passenger door.

Based on the facts and evidence collected in this investigation, there is insufficient information to make a clear determination as to why Detective Calzadilla discharged his weapon, and therefore determine whether the shooting was legally justified. Likewise, because of a lack of information, there is also insufficient evidence to refute a claim of self-defense or file any criminal charges that can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Approved by State Attorney on this 16 day of January, 2026.

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KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE
State Attorney

OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE
STATE ATTORNEY



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: 1/9/26

FROM: REBECCA DIMEGLIO
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY

RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO
SAO Case # 62/25/02/26/001

RUBEN SCOLAVINO
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY

OFFICER INVOLVED:	DET. CARLOS CALZADILLA ID#01-41795 CITY OF MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT
INJURED:	ROIHAN MENDEZ RODRIGUEZ
DATE & TIME:	FEBRUARY 26, 2025 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:15 PM
LOCATION:	9595 FONTAINEBLEAU BOULEVARD, MIAMI 33172
WEAPONS:	9MM SEMI-AUTOMATIC GLOCK PISTOL, MODEL 43X GEN5, SERIAL NUMBER AKAY105 (DET. CALZADILLA)
LEAD/REPORTS:	S.A. LUIS ALVAREZ, FDLE /REPORTS RECEIVED 08-29-2025
LEAD CASE #:	M1-27-0277
SAO CASE #:	62/25/02/26/001

STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Wednesday, February 26, 2025, members of the Miami Dade Sheriff's Office Street Terror Offender Program (S.T.O.P.) task force were conducting surveillance at 9595 Fontainebleau Boulevard. Task force members were all in plain clothes and were not equipped with body worn cameras. The target of their investigation was Roiran Mendez Rodriguez (hereinafter "Rodriguez"), a suspected member of the Tren De Aragua (TDA) criminal gang, who was wanted on a bench warrant issued in Miami-Dade County for driving without a license. Rodriguez was present in the United States without proper immigration status. According to the investigative report prepared by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Rodriguez was suspected of being involved in several armed robberies, illegal narcotics and human trafficking activities.

During the surveillance operation, a vehicle associated with Rodriguez was located on the fourth floor of an elevated parking garage at the above location. At approximately 9:15 p.m., Sergeant Richard Trujillo advised the members of the surveillance team via police radio that an individual matching Rodriguez's description had exited 9595 Fontainebleau Boulevard and was walking into the parking garage directly in front of the building. A few minutes later, Detective Carlos Calzadilla, who was seated in the driver's seat of his black unmarked GMC Sierra pick-up truck, advised the task force via police radio that he observed an individual matching Rodriguez's description approaching a red 2015 four door Volkswagen Jetta (Florida Tag KY868U). Detective Calzadilla further advised the team via radio transmission that the individual had entered the vehicle. Detective Calzadilla requested back-up to contain the vehicle.

According to the statement given by Detective Nirso Pimentel, he responded to Detective Calzadilla via radio and advised that back up was on its way and that Detective Calzadilla should begin containment of the suspect vehicle. Detective Pimentel drove his vehicle up the parking garage ramps and arrived at the fourth floor where he observed Detective Calzadilla's unmarked vehicle with its red and blue lights activated parked directly behind the suspect vehicle. Detective Pimentel further observed Detective Calzadilla standing near the front driver's side door of the suspect vehicle, repeatedly commanding the driver to show him his hands. As Detective Pimentel approached the suspect vehicle, he heard one gunshot being discharged. Detective Pimentel was

not able to see Rodriguez at the time of the shooting, nor was he able to determine where the gunshot came from. After the gunshot, Detective Pimentel observed Rodriguez move from the driver seat into the front passenger seat. Detective Pimentel drew his weapon and instructed Rodriguez in English to show his hands and exit the vehicle. Rodriguez complied without incident and was placed on the ground where he was handcuffed by Detective Calzadilla. Seeing that Rodriguez had a gunshot wound to the face, Detective Pimentel advised other arriving detectives to request fire rescue and administer first aid. Rodriguez was transported to Kendall Regional Hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot injury to the face. Rodriguez was treated at Kendall Regional Hospital for what was described by doctors as a superficial facial wound that required plastic surgery.

Upon discharge from the hospital, Rodriguez was arrested for one count of controlled substance possession and transported to TGK Correctional Facility. On March 1, 2025, Rodriguez was taken into ICE custody on an immigration warrant that was issued following this incident. On June 4, 2025, Rodriguez was voluntarily removed from the United States to Venezuela.

SCENE LOCATED AT 9595 FOUNTAINBLEU BOULEVARD

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (F.D.L.E.) Special Agent Joseph Romero along with Miami Dade Sheriff Office (M.D.S.O.) Crime Scene Investigator Kristy Martinez processed the scene. The following relevant information was discovered during the investigation:

- In the fourth-floor level parking garage at the above location, they observed the suspect vehicle, a 2015 red four door Volkswagen Jetta parked facing westbound. Detective Calzadilla's unmarked black GMC Sierra was parked directly behind the Volkswagen with red/blue strobe light exposed and activated. Detective Pimentel's unmarked vehicle was parked directly behind Detective Calzadilla's vehicle.
- The suspect vehicle had dark tinted windows on the front and back doors and rear window. The front driver's window was shattered and held together by the tint. The right and center of the window had one (1) bullet hole. On the inside of the vehicle there was one (1) bullet strike mark located by the vehicle's infotainment system. No projectiles or bullet fragments were located. Using dowel rods, CSI Martinez

determined that the trajectory of the bullet was from the front driver's side window and downward toward the center console infotainment system.

- A cellular phone was located on the front floorboard of the vehicle and a black crossbody bag was located on the front passenger's seat.
- On the center console next to the two cupholders was a small plastic baggie with an unknown pink powder substance. In the trunk, a women's purse was found containing small empty baggies like the baggie found on the center console.
- On the ground and slightly west of Detective Pimentel's vehicle was one (1) fired 9mm casing (WMA+P+).
- Detective Calzadilla had a Glock 43 9mm semi-automatic pistol, serial number AKAY105. One (1) live 9mm round was in the chamber and thirteen (13) 9mm rounds were in the magazine. All rounds were stamped WMA+P+. Detective Calzadilla stated that he had not topped off his magazine after charging his handgun. The round count and single casing located at the scene were consistent with Detective Calzadilla having fired one (1) round from his firearm.
- A microscopic comparison determined that the casing found at the location was fired from Detective Calzadilla's weapon.
- An area canvass failed to find any witnesses to the shooting nor any operational cameras that covered the area of the shooting.

STATEMENT OF ROIRAN MENDEZ RODRIGUEZ

Rodriguez was interviewed at Kendall Regional Hospital by the FDLE lead investigator, Special Agent Luis Alvarez. Prior to taking the statement, Rodriguez was read his Miranda Rights in Spanish, which he waived. According to Rodriguez, he left his apartment and walked to his vehicle. He entered his vehicle and began organizing his belongings: a small bag containing a hairbrush and his passport, his keys and his phone. Rodriguez advised that he turned the vehicle on and at that point he heard someone tapping on the window. While still holding his phone in his hand, Rodriguez turned toward the person tapping on his car. He observed a police officer pointing his weapon towards him, yelling at him in English, which he did not understand. Rodriguez stated that he continued to look at his cellular phone that he was holding in his hand near his lap. At that

point, the officer's weapon discharged, and the bullet struck him in the face. Rodriguez then moved into the passenger seat and exited the passenger door where he was subsequently placed in handcuffs and was medically treated by the officers.

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 Detective Carlos Calzadilla constitute a criminal act that can be proven beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt.

We have reviewed the FDLE Investigative Summary into the Police Use of Force in this incident. We have also reviewed the sworn statements, firearm analysis, radio transmissions, and other evidence compiled by FDLE under FDLE Case Number MI-27-0277. We find the summary to be complete, thorough and consistent with the witness statements. We adopt and attach that Investigative Summary hereto and offer our conclusion based on the results of our investigation and review.

Section 776.012, Florida Statutes, permits the use of deadly force when a person believes such 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, Section 776.05, Florida Statutes, permits a law enforcement officer to use any force that he believes is necessary to defend himself or another from bodily harm while making an arrest. When a claim of self-defense is asserted in a criminal case, the accused need only establish a prima facie case that the killing was justified. The State of Florida must then prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused did not act in self-defense.

Detective Pimentel stated that when he arrived at the fourth floor of the parking garage, he saw Detective Calzadilla standing near the front driver's side door of Rodriguez's vehicle repeatedly commanding Rodriguez to show his hands. Rodriguez admitted in his sworn recorded

statement that he was holding a cell phone in his hand during the incident and that he failed to raise his hands even after seeing a police officer pointing a handgun at him and shouting. While Rodriguez claims he did not understand the English commands that were being shouted to him by Detective Calzadilla, it should be noted that Detective Pimentel advised in his sworn statement that immediately after the shooting, he directed Rodriguez out of the vehicle without issue using commands given in English.

In the absence of a statement from Detective Calzadilla detailing what he saw and what was in his mind before the shooting, Detective Calzadilla's actual knowledge or intent in firing his weapon cannot be determined. Therefore, there is insufficient evidence to make a clear determination that the shooting was legally justified. However, this incident occurred at 9:15 pm when the lighting conditions were poor and Rodriguez, by his own admission, failed to comply with Detective Calzadilla's commands to show his hands. Based on that, the State will be unable to refute a claim by Detective Calzadilla that he perceived the cellular phone in Rodriguez's hand to be a firearm and was in fear when he fired at Rodriguez. Based on that, criminal charges cannot be filed.

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