

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: February 3, 2026

FROM: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM


RE: SAO Case #: 62/23/10/11/001
Deceased: Arnicious Xavier Odom, Jr.

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

On October 11, 2023, at about 5:07 P.M., Detective Brandon Manning of the City of Miami observed Arnicious Odom, Jr. and Marco Brown jaywalking westbound across NW 2nd Avenue toward NW 60th Street wearing ski masks and hoodies which appeared to have a heavy object. Det Manning radioed for backup, and Detective Sthephany Canizares responded to the area. Det. Manning approached, and Marco Brown cooperated, and a loaded firearm was located in his pants. As Det. Canizares approached, Arnicious Odom fled on foot, and Det. Canizares pursued him and radioed he was armed with a firearm. Odom approached a chain-link fence, threw the firearm over the fence, and jumped over the fence. Det. Canizares ordered Odom not to retrieve the firearm, however, Odom went toward the firearm and tried to pick it up from the ground. Det. Canizares discharged her weapon, and Odom was struck and pronounced deceased on the scene. The entire incident was captured on her body-worn-camera footage.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 776.012, after a full investigation and review of the facts and evidence, the use of deadly force by City of Miami Detective Sthephany Canizares 001-44301 is determined to be legally justified.

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


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Approved by State Attorney on this 23 day of February, 2026.


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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2026

FROM: WILLIAM REICH
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RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO
SAO Case # 62/23/10/11/001

MARI JIMENEZ
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OFFICER INVOLVED:	Sthephany Canizares (001- 44301) City of Miami Police Department
DECEDENT:	Arnicious Xavier Odom, Jr.
DATE & TIME:	Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at approximately 5:07 p.m.
LOCATION:	NW 2 nd Ave and NW 60 th St (Miami Edison Senior High athletic field)
WEAPONS:	Glock 17 Gen 5, 9mm pistol, #MIA35I8 (Officer Canizares) Heckler and Koch, P30, 9mm, #129-004822 (Arnicious Odom, Jr.)
LEAD/REPORTS:	FDLE SPECIAL AGENT CLAUDIA MULVEY / Reports Received March 31, 2025
CASE #s:	FDLE - MI-27-0232 MPD – 2310110072005
SAO CASE #:	#62/23/10/11/001

SUMMARY

On October 11, 2023, at approximately 5:07 p.m., Miami Police Department (MPD) detective Brandon Manning (Det. Manning) of the department's Tactical Robbery Unit (TRU) was on patrol driving northbound on NW 2nd Avenue approaching NW 62nd St. Just after he passed NW 60th St., he spotted two young males walking toward him (southbound) on the east side of NW 2nd Avenue wearing masks and hoodies. The masks were made of cloth and worn over the head for the purpose of covering the face, not masks worn for a medical purpose (Personal Protective Equipment). Det. Manning observed that one of the males was covering his face with his mask and while the other had his mask pulled up, leaving most of his face uncovered. Det. Manning advised over the radio that the two masked males looked like they had something heavy in the front of their hoodies. Regarding the male with his face covered, Det. Manning radioed, "I know one of them for sure had a full-sized ski mask on." This male with his face covered was later identified as Arnicious Xavier Odom, Jr. (hereinafter the Decedent). The other male, who had his mask up and his face uncovered, was later identified as Marco Adolphus Brown, Jr. (hereinafter Mr. Brown).

Det. Manning saw the two males look at him as he was driving by. Then he observed them jaywalking westbound across NW 2nd Ave. toward NW 60th St. Det. Manning radioed his observations at 5:07 p.m., to "anyone in the area." Detective Sthephany Canizares (Det. Canizares), another member of the Tactical Robbery Unit patrolling the area, radioed back immediately that she was driving south on NW 2nd Ave. at approximately NW 67th St. and heading toward their location to assist Det. Manning.

Det. Manning advised that he was waiting in traffic facing north on NW 2nd Ave. to make a u-turn and that the two males had gone west on NW 60th St. Det. Canizares asked Det. Manning what he was going to do. He answered that he was going to go on the other side of NW 60th St. in case "they bailed". This would allow him to stop in front of the two males as they walked westbound. Det. Canizares turned right (westbound) on NW 60th St. in her Jeep and slowly approached the two males from behind.

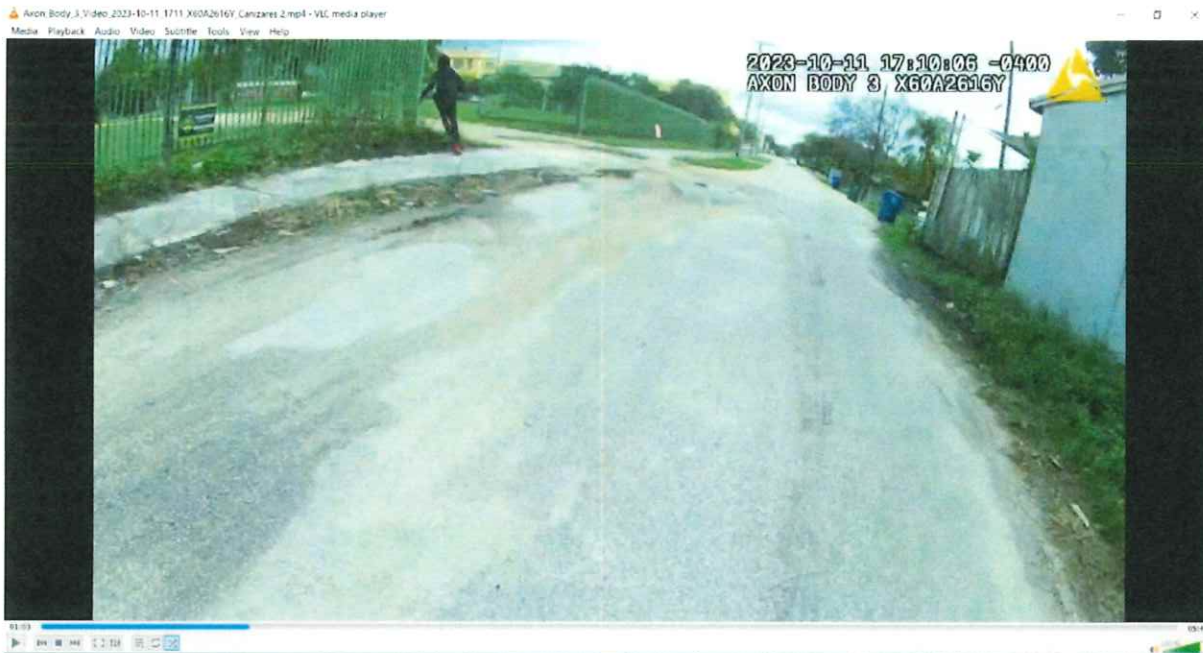
Det. Manning completed his u-turn on NW 2nd Ave., turned right (westbound) on NW 59th St., drove to the end of the block, turned right (northbound), and turned right (eastbound) on NW 60th St. Then he approached the two males from the front (west) as Det. Canizares approached from behind (east).

Det. Manning arrived in front of the Decedent and Mr. Brown from the west end of the block, effectively blocking them between his and Det. Canizares' cars.

Det. Manning's body worn camera (BWC) video shows that he immediately got out of his car after he stopped on NW 60th St. and ordered the Decedent and Mr. Brown to stop at gunpoint. The video shows Mr. Brown standing between the two police cars, to the right of Det. Manning, and putting his hands up immediately. The video shows the Decedent standing to the right front corner of Det. Canizares' Jeep. As Det. Manning approached the males with his gun drawn, the Decedent is seen moving away from Det. Manning toward the back of the Jeep, even before Det. Canizares opens the driver's door of the Jeep. Det. Manning is heard on the radio saying, "I've got one who looks like he's gonna run. He's running! Eastbound." The Decedent can be seen running eastbound on NW 60th St. and is immediately pursued by Det. Canizares.

While Det. Canizares chased after the Decedent, Det. Manning approached Mr. Brown, who was surrendering with his hands up. Det. Manning directed Mr. Brown to the ground and his BWC video shows Mr. Brown was wearing a black ski mask pulled up on top of his head. Det. Manning handcuffed Mr. Brown on the ground. In answer to Det. Manning's query about weapons, Mr. Brown replied that he has a gun in his crotch, which Det. Manning retrieved and secured. The gun was a black Canik brand 9 mm pistol with 1 cartridge in the chamber and a magazine with 12 cartridges. Det. Manning was securing Mr. Brown in custody on NW 60th St., so he did not see the shooting of the Decedent. Det. Manning heard the shots and radioed, "Shots fired."

Det. Canizares' BWC video shows that she pulled back out onto NW 60 St. and continued westbound towards the Decedent and Mr. Brown from behind (BWC 17:09:50). Det. Canizares activated her emergency equipment (BWC 17:09:55). She completely stopped her vehicle and put it in park (BWC 17:10:02). The Decedent was already running eastbound past her vehicle at this point. Det. Canizares immediately exited her vehicle (BWC 17:10:04), leaving her driver's door open, and chased the Decedent on foot as he ran to the left at the end of the fence.



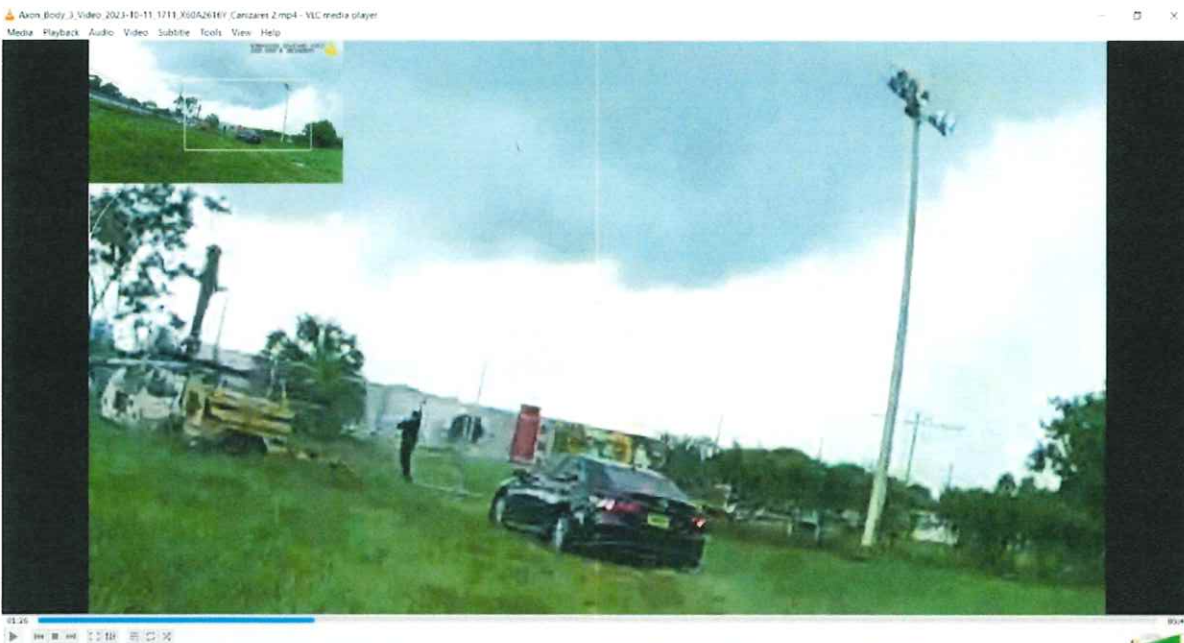
The Decedent ran along a north-south road that cuts through the athletic field for several seconds before running into the school field to his left. Det. Canizares ran after him with her radio in her left hand and her service weapon in her right hand. At some point during the foot pursuit, Det. Canizares radioed, “Hey, he has a 55 on him!” A “55” is a radio code for a firearm. To make sure this was heard by others, Det. Manning radioed again, “He has a gun on him.” The Decedent ran along the back fence of the parking lot to his left.

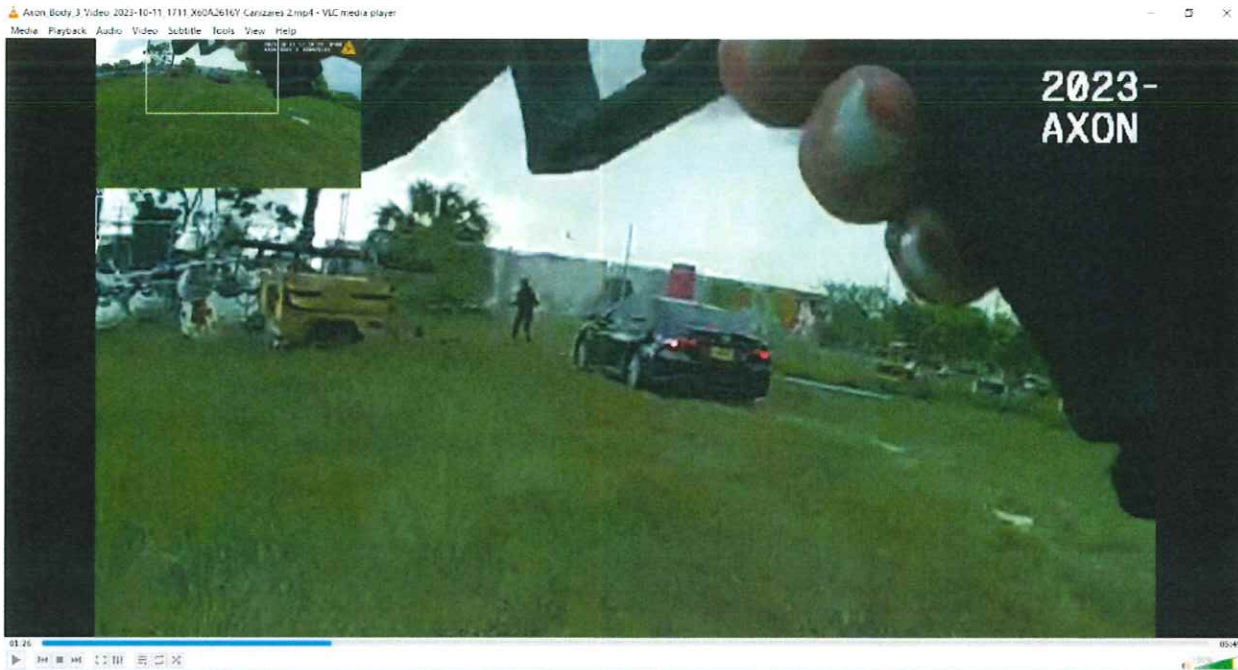


Lt. Mallon, who had driven his police vehicle into the field in pursuit of the Decedent, came into view on her BWC at 17:10:26 as the Decedent approached the fence in front of him.



Another fence with a gate was directly in front of the Decedent. As he approached the fence gate, he threw the firearm over it (BWC 17:10:28). The firearm can be seen on the BWC using the zoom function, both as it left his right hand and as it flew through the air over the fence. The firearm was a Model P30 9mm pistol made by Heckler and Koch.





Then the Decedent pulled himself to the top of the fence gate and went over it. (BWC 17:10:30)
Lt. Mallon stopped his vehicle at the fence as the Decedent was going over it.



As she ran up to the fence, Det. Canizares ordered the Decedent not to go for the gun that he had just thrown. Back on his feet, the Decedent ran directly to the gun and attempted to pick it up.



Seeing the Decedent was rearming himself with the firearm, Det. Canizares dropped her radio towards the fence and opened fire (BWC 17:10:35). The entire foot pursuit – from the time Det. Canizares exited her police vehicle at 17:10:04 until the Decedent attempted at 17:10:35 to pick up the firearm he had thrown – was 31 seconds in duration.

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 the officers in question constitute a criminal act that can be proven beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt.

The undersigned Assistant State Attorneys have reviewed the FDLE Use of Force Investigation Summary, as well as the Crime Scene Reports, the Supplemental Reports, 911 calls, the sworn statements

of all officers and civilians, all the photographs, the Medical Examiner's Report, all open-source video from public sources, the radio transmissions, and all the body-worn camera footage pertaining to this investigation secured and provided by FDLE. We have found that the statements made by officers and civilians are consistent with or corroborated by the evidence. We offer our conclusion based on the results of our independent investigation and the review of all the evidence.

Section 776.012(2), 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.

It is the undersigned Assistant State Attorneys' legal determination that it was lawful for Det. Canizares to discharge her firearm at the Decedent for the following reasons: Det. Manning observed the Decedent wearing a hoodie and a mask that covered his head and face while walking on a public street. Det. Manning observed that the Decedent had a heavy object inside his hoodie that could be a firearm. These facts and the totality of the circumstances known to Det. Manning gave him reasonable suspicion that the Decedent could be armed and dangerous and that he may have committed or be about to commit a crime. Therefore, Det. Manning and Det. Canizares had reasonable suspicion to conduct an investigatory stop. When Det. Manning and Det. Canizares approached in their police vehicles with their police lights activated and attempted to stop the Decedent and Mr. Brown, the Decedent immediately fled from the officers. During his flight from Det. Canizares, the Decedent produced a firearm and held it in his hand as he ran. Det. Canizares saw that the Decedent was armed with a firearm and radioed this fact to other responding officers. As he approached the fence blocking his path, the Decedent threw his firearm over the fence and used both hands to climb the fence. During the seconds that he climbed to the top of and fell over the fence, Det. Canizares closed the distance between herself and the Decedent. As she approached the fence, she ordered the Decedent not to reach for the firearm. The Decedent returned to his feet and immediately moved directly to the firearm and attempted to pick it up. When the Decedent attempted to rearm himself while only feet away from Det. Canizares and Lt. Mallon, it was reasonable to believe that he posed an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to the officers.

Based on this statutory provision and upon all the evidence amassed during the investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the undersigned Assistant State Attorneys find the use of deadly force to be legally justified.

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