

Close-out Memorandum of the
Investigation Regarding
Kelly Alan Hudson
April 13, 2025



State Attorney's Office
Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Miami-Dade County
April 24, 2026



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE
State Attorney

DATE: April 21, 2026

FROM: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO
SAO CASE # 62/25/04/13/002
DECEASED: Kelly Alan Hudson

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

On April 13, 2025, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) Deputies responded to a domestic dispute at a home involving Kelly Hudson and his wife. Ms. Hudson called police and reported her estranged husband had followed her to Miami from Georgia and was armed with a rifle. Police interviewed Ms. Hudson and attempted to locate Kelly Hudson in the townhome community but were unsuccessful. Ms. Hudson again called police to report her husband was sitting in her car in the driveway. MDSO Deputy Jaramillo responded back to the residence and found Kelly Hudson inside a white SUV. Deputy Jaramillo ordered Hudson out of the car at gunpoint, and as Hudson exited the vehicle Deputy Jaramillo asked him if he was armed. Hudson lifted his shirt exposing a firearm in his waistband. Deputy Jaramillo shouted not to go for the gun, but Hudson started pulling out the firearm. Deputy Jaramillo then discharged his weapon striking Hudson causing him to fall to the ground. Deputy Jaramillo yelled for Hudson not to reach for the gun, but Hudson again moved toward the firearm and Deputy Jaramillo discharged his weapon again. Hudson was transported to the hospital but did not survive the injuries.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes Sections 776.05 and 776.012, and a review of the facts and evidence in this investigation, we find the use of deadly force by MDSO Deputy Jaramillo 30-10624 to be legally justified.

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



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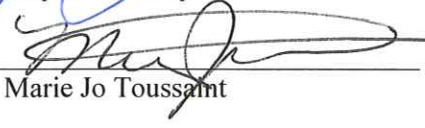
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Approved by State Attorney on this 24 day of April, 2026.



KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: April 6, 2026

FROM: KIM RIVERA
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RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO
SAO Case # 62/25/04/13/002

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DEPUTY INVOLVED:	Devin Jaramillo (30-10624) Miami Dade Sheriff's Office
DECEDENT:	Kelly Alan Hudson
DATE & TIME:	Sunday, April 13, 2025, at approximately 6:24 p.m.
LOCATION:	Private Residence in S.W. Miami Dade County
WEAPON:	Glock 17 Gen 5, 9mm pistol, #BUGP904 (Deputy Jaramillo) Glock 19X, 9mm pistol, # BRBUI36 (Kelly Hudson)
LEAD/REPORTS:	FDLE SPECIAL AGENT JOSEPH ROMERO / March 9, 2026
CASE #s:	FDLE - MI-27-0281 MDSO- PD250413-109181
SAO CASE #:	#62/25/04/13/002

FACTUAL SUMMARY

On Monday April 13, 2025, at 6:24 pm Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office (MDSO) Deputies, including Deputy Devon Jaramillo¹, responded to a domestic dispute at a private residence involving husband, Kelly Hudson and wife, Melina Hudson. Melina Hudson called the police and reported that her husband, Kelly Hudson, had followed her to Miami from Georgia and was armed with a rifle. After speaking with Melina Hudson at the residence, the deputies went looking in the townhome community for Kelly Hudson. They were unable to locate him. While returning to speak further with Melina Hudson at the residence, Melina Hudson called police again and informed them that Kelly Hudson was sitting in her car in the driveway.

Deputy Jaramillo responded back to the residence and found Kelly Hudson inside a white SUV at the incident location. Deputy Jaramillo ordered Kelly Hudson out of the car at gunpoint. As Kelly Hudson exited the vehicle Deputy Jaramillo asked him if he was armed. Kelly Hudson lifted his shirt exposing a pistol in his waistband. Deputy Jaramillo shouted not to go for the gun however Kelly Hudson used his other hand to start pulling the firearm out of his waistband. Deputy Jaramillo then fired his firearm at Kelly Hudson striking him several times causing him to fall on his back on the ground. While Kelly Hudson was on the ground, Deputy Jaramillo yelled again for Kelly Hudson not to reach for the gun. Kelly Hudson again made movements towards the firearm and Deputy Jaramillo shot his firearm again. Kelly Hudson was transported to the Jackson South Medical Center Trauma Unit by Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. He was pronounced deceased at 19:17 by Dr. Pust.

This officer involved shooting (OIS) incident was assigned to Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent Joseph Romero, who reviewed all radio communications, computer aided dispatch (CAD) reports, 911 calls and body worn camera (BWC) for Deputy Jaramillo.

EVIDENCE SUMMARY

On April 13, 2025, the day of the shooting, Melina Hudson called the police on five separate occasions regarding her husband, Kelly Hudson. The five calls are summarized below.

¹ Deputy Devon Jaramillo was killed in the line of duty in an unrelated incident on November 7, 2025.

Call 1 at 13:27 – Melina Hudson told the 911 operator that she had fled from the State of Georgia from her husband (Kelly Hudson) because he was becoming violent towards her. She stated she fled to her parents' house in Miami to get away from him. She told the operator that she was calling because Kelly Hudson had called her and said that he was driving to her parents' house. She was concerned, she told the operator, because Kelly Hudson was not in his right state of mind and that he was in possession of firearms. She said that she did not need help at the moment but would call back if he arrived.

Call 2 at 18:23:02 – A female voice (Melina Hudson) is heard in the background saying, "Get out." Melina Hudson gives the address and then stops talking to the operator and the line stays open. Other female and male voices are heard in the background followed by Melina Hudson saying, "You followed me from Georgia," followed by muffled sounds. Male and female voices can be heard arguing in the background however it is muffled and hard to understand. The call then disconnects.

Call 3 at 18:24:40 – Melina Hudson can be heard saying "you're hurting me!" Kelly Hudson can be heard arguing with her and others in the background. Melina Hudson told the operator that she lived with her husband in Georgia, that he has been stalking and hurting her. She said that he, Kelly Hudson, followed her to her parents' house, that he won't leave and is acting crazy. She said he was in the backyard and is driving a grey Honda Civic with a military tag. She stated he has a lot of weapons, rifles and handguns, and is ex-military. She said he is armed right now and is wearing all black. She believes he is outside the house waiting. Melina Hudson stayed on the line with the operator until the operator told her the police had arrived.

Call 4 at 18:34:56 – Muffled voices are heard in the background and then the call disconnects.

Call 5 at 18:35:19 – Melina Hudson told the operator that the police were just there but that the person they are looking for is inside her vehicle. She then starts speaking to someone else and ends the call.

Deputy Jaramillo's BWC is activated at 18:30:13 and shows him driving his vehicle. He exits his vehicle just west of the private residence and makes contact with Melina Hudson at approximately 18:31:30. Deputy Jaramillo asks Melina Hudson where her husband is as she is speaking with another Deputy on scene. Deputy Jaramillo asks Melina Hudson the tag number and Melina Hudson tells him it is a military tag and indicates she believes he is parked down the street. Deputy Jaramillo gets back into his car at approximately 18:31:58 and drives in the direction indicated by Melina Hudson in an attempt to locate Kelly Hudson and his vehicle. Deputy Jaramillo exits his vehicle and is walking and looking at cars for approximately four (4) minutes along with other Deputies.

At approximately 18:35:42 radio transmission indicates that Kelly Hudson had returned to the incident location. Deputy Jaramillo enters his car and begins driving back to the incident location. At 18:36:18 Deputy Jaramillo exits his car with his firearm drawn and approaches the white Jeep Cherokee parked in the reverse in the driveway of the private residence. Deputy Jaramillo orders Kelly Hudson to exit the vehicle and asks if he, Kelly Hudson, has any guns on him. Kelly Hudson responds in the affirmative and lifts his shirt exposing a tan firearm in the left side of his waistband. Kelly Hudson reaches for the firearm with his left hand and begins to lift the firearm out of the holster; simultaneously, Deputy Jaramillo is yelling out not to reach and discharges his firearm six (6) times towards Kelly Hudson who has the firearm in his left hand. Kelly Hudson is struck and falls on his back in the driveway. Hudson drops the firearm however it is still within his reach.

While on the ground Kelly Hudson begins to reach for the firearm located on his left side again with his left hand. Deputy Jaramillo yells again, not to touch the gun or he will shoot again. Kelly Hudson is still moving towards the firearm when Deputy Jaramillo discharges his firearm four (4) more times. Deputy Jaramillo continues to order Hudson not to touch the gun. Deputy Jaramillo transmits over the radio that shots have been fired and requests Fire Rescue.

At approximately 21:53, FDLE Special Agent Pedro Abut obtained an audio recorded statement from Deputy Denisse Coole. Deputy Coole did not discharge her firearm, but she did witness the incident. She stated that she was dispatched to a domestic disturbance at a private residence. Upon arrival she spoke with Melina Hudson who informed her that her husband, Kelly

Hudson, was down the street and was armed with a rifle. Deputy Coole stated that she drove to the area indicated and did an area canvass but was not able to locate Kelly Hudson. Deputy Coole then returned to the residence and observed Kelly Hudson inside a vehicle in the driveway. Deputy Coole further stated that Deputy Jaramillo also arrived and ordered Kelly Hudson out of the vehicle. Deputy Coole heard Deputy Jaramillo ask Kelly Hudson if he had any firearms to which Kelly Hudson stated “yes.” Deputy Coole observed Kelly Hudson lift his shirt revealing a firearm in his waistband. Deputy Coole stated that Deputy Jaramillo gave loud clear commands to Kelly Hudson not to reach for the firearm. Deputy Coole then witnessed Kelly Hudson reach for the firearm and observed Deputy Jaramillo discharge his firearm toward Kelly Hudson. Deputy Coole stated that she and other Deputies moved in after the shooting and secured Kelly Hudson in handcuffs and began life-saving actions.

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 Deputy Jaramillo 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 Use of Force Investigation Summary, as well as the Crime Scene Reports, the Supplemental Reports, the sworn statements of all officers, all the photographs, the Medical Examiner’s Report, the radio transmissions, and all the body worn camera footage pertaining to this investigation. We find the FDLE file and reports to be complete and thorough, and the statements made by all officers consistent with or corroborated by the evidence. We offer our conclusion based on the results of our independent review of all the evidence.

Florida Statute 776.012 permits the use of deadly force when a person believes such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to themselves 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 they believe is necessary to defend themselves or another from bodily harm while making an arrest.

Based on a review of the law and evidence, Deputy Jaramillo was responding to a volatile domestic violence incident with a subject known to be armed. When Kelly Hudson was asked by Deputy Jaramillo if he was armed, he not only showed that he was armed but started to draw the firearm on Deputy Jaramillo causing him to fire his weapon. Even after being shot Kelly Hudson continued to make movements towards his firearm and was shot again by Deputy Jaramillo. Pursuant to Florida Statutes 776.012 and 776.05, and a review of the facts and law of this case, the use of deadly force was legally justified.

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