

Close-out Memorandum of the
Investigation Regarding
Javier Albriza-Jara
August 26, 2025



State Attorney's Office
Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Miami-Dade County
July 15, 2026



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE
State Attorney

DATE: July 14, 2026

FROM: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO
SAO CASE # 62/25/08/26/001

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

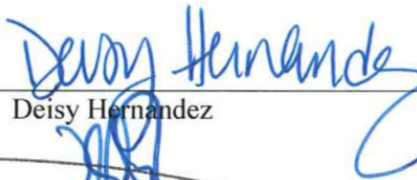
On August 26, 2025, at about 3:58 PM, 911 received a call indicating that a white male wearing a gray shirt and dark colored jeans was trying to kill his wife at 307 NW 72 Avenue, and she was shot inside one of the apartments. A series of 5 additional 911 calls indicated the shooter was breaking several windows, shots were being fired in the building, and a female had been shot in her chest by a white male and was in a specific apartment. At approximately 3:59 PM, Miami Dade Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the Largo Condominiums, and upon arrival discovered a female victim suffering from a gunshot wound to her chest. The victim was later transported to the hospital, and survived the gunshot wound.

The deputies were advised that the shooter, Javier Albriza-Jara, was on the fourth floor of the apartment complex. Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez responded to the fourth floor and located Albriza-Jara inside an apartment armed with a firearm. Deputies gave several commands to drop the firearm, which he ignored, and instead Albriza-Jara pointed the firearm at the officers. Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez then discharged their firearms, striking Albriza-Jara, who was later pronounced deceased on the scene.

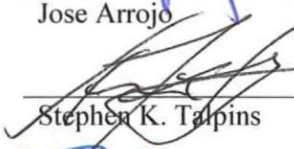
Pursuant to F.S. 776.05 and 776.012, and a review of the facts, evidence, and law in this investigation, we find the use of deadly force by Deputies Luis Sanchez, 30-4544, Arturo Suarez, 30-9835, and Jhon Jimenez-Pelaez, 30-10304 to be legally justified.

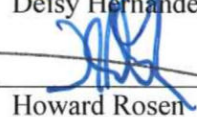
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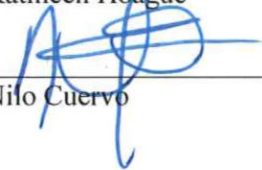

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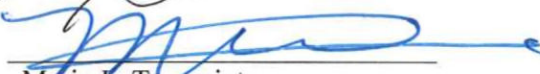

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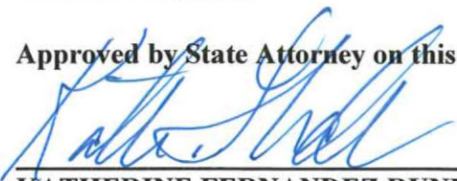

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Approved by State Attorney on this 15 day of July, 2026.


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DATE: July 14, 2026

FROM: AYANA DUNCAN
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RE: POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO
SAO Case # 62/25/08/26/001

STEPHEN MITCHELL
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OFFICERS INVOLVED:	Deputy Luis Sanchez ID# 030-04544, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Deputy Arturo Suarez ID# 030-09835, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office Deputy Jhon Jimenez-Pelaez ID# 030-10304, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office
DECEASED	Javier Albriza-Jara
DATE & TIME:	August 26, 2025 @ 4:05 PM
LOCATION:	Apartment Complex in Miami Florida
WEAPONS:	Glock 17, 9mm, Gen 4, SN REE504 (Deputy Sanchez) Glock 17, 9mm, Gen 5 (Deputy Jhon Jimenez-Pelaez) Glock 17, 9mm, Gen 5, SN BHGK217 (Deputy Suarez) Ruger, Model LCPII, .380 caliber semi-automatic, SN 370-11045 (Albriza-Jara)
LEAD/REPORTS	FDLE SA Ricardo Martinez / Reports Received on 3/20/2026
CASE #s:	FDLE# MI-27-0297; SAO Case # 62/25/08/26/001

FACTUAL SUMMARY

On Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at approximately 3:58 pm, a 911 call was placed by an unknown male, who reported that a white male was trying to kill his wife at 307 NW 72 Avenue, and that the victim was inside one of the apartments. The same caller advised that the male assailant, wearing a gray shirt and dark colored jeans, was actively shooting the female; but the witness did not see where on her body the female had been shot. Another caller reported that a male shot a female, was heading to 307 NW 72 Avenue, and breaking several windows and shooting. Between 3:59 pm - 4:02 pm, four (4) additional calls were placed to 911, advising that shots were being fired in the building, that a female had been shot in her chest by a white male, and that she now was inside apartment #409. Witness Walter Gonzalez phoned 911 at approximately 4:02 pm to report that a white male was breaking windows and shooting and that, "I have a video of the male... trying to shoot at a person."

At approximately 3:59 pm, Miami Dade Sheriff's Office ("MDSO") deputies were dispatched to the Largo Condominiums, 307 NW 72 Avenue, apartment #325, Miami, Florida, in reference to a male who shot a female. Upon their arrival, MDSO deputies discovered a female identified as Y S (hereinafter referred to as "the Victim"), suffering from a gunshot wound to her chest. As the deputies rendered aid to the Victim, they were alerted that the person who shot her, later identified as the decedent, Javier Albriza-Jara (hereinafter referred to as "Albriza-Jara"), was on the fourth floor of the apartment complex.

Deputies Luis Sanchez, Arturo Suarez, and Jhon Jimenez-Pelaez responded to the fourth floor and located Albriza-Jara inside the apartment. Albriza-Jara was armed with a firearm. They gave him several verbal commands to drop the firearm. Albriza-Jara ignored law enforcement commands, and he pointed the firearm at the deputies. Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez discharged their firearms at Albriza-Jara, and he suffered multiple gunshot wounds about his body. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced Albriza-Jara deceased at 4:53 pm.

The Victim was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital Ryder Trauma Center (JMH), where she underwent emergency surgery and was listed in critical condition, but survived. No officers or other civilians were injured during the shooting incident.

BODY WORN CAMERA AND CELLPHONE VIDEOS

Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez were wearing Body Worn Cameras ("BWC") at the time of the incident, which were activated.

Deputy Sanchez's BWC reveals that at approximately 4:05 pm, Deputy Sanchez was standing by the kitchen window of the apartment. Seconds later, Deputy Sanchez fired one time at Albriza-Jara through the kitchen window, while Albriza-Jara was still armed with a gun. It should be noted that Deputy Sanchez's BWC footage also captured Deputies Suarez and Jimenez-Pelaez discharge their firearms several times at Albriza-Jara through the open door of the apartment, before Deputy Sanchez retreated to the landing of the fourth floor near the elevators.

Deputy Suarez's BWC depicts that Deputy Suarez arrived on the fourth-floor landing of the building near apartment #409, at approximately 4:05 pm. Deputy Suarez was positioned at the open door of the apartment. At 4:05:23 pm, Deputy Suarez's BWC captured Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez giving Albriza-Jara loud verbal commands to "let me see your hands!" A few seconds later, Deputy Suarez's BWC captured Albriza-Jara with a firearm in his hands. Right then, Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez discharged his firearm. Approximately four (4) seconds later, Deputy Suarez discharged his firearm towards Albriza-Jara, who is still armed with a gun pointed in his direction.

Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez's BWC reveals that at 4:05:23 pm, Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez walked across the open doorway of apartment #409. Seconds later, Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez encountered Albriza-Jara, who was armed with a firearm inside apartment #409 and was inserting a magazine in the gun. Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez gave several loud verbal commands to Albriza-Jara to "let me see your hands!" Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez discharged his firearm at Albriza-Jara, striking him numerous times. Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez then conducted a magazine exchange near the doorway of apartment #409 and moved to the landing in front of the fourth-floor elevator.

Witness Walter Gonzalez, who resides in the building, activated his cellular telephone video to capture Albriza-Jara's movements in the apartment complex, prior to the arrival of the deputies. Witness Gonzalez's video first captured Albriza-Jara running on the third (3rd) floor catwalk of 307 NW 72 Avenue, breaking the window to another apartment and jumping headfirst inside. Albriza-Jara is armed with a handgun. Several seconds later, Albriza-Jara exited this apartment via the front door while holding the handgun in his right hand. Next, video and audio captured Albriza-Jara breaking the windows to apartment #325. Albriza-Jara is then depicted racking a handgun while putting the gun through the window of apartment #317. Seconds later, he racked the handgun while walking east on the walkway, with the handgun still in his right hand. Approximately 17 seconds later, Albriza-Jara walked up the stairs to the fourth floor while holding the handgun in his right hand. This concludes the video taken by witness Gonzalez. It should be noted that the video does not capture Albriza-Jara at apartment #409 or the officer-involved shooting.

STATEMENTS

Deputy Angel Herrera

FDLE SA Michael Gaudio obtained a sworn, audio-recorded statement from Deputy Angel Herrera who advised that he was on duty and was dispatched to the incident location in reference to a "330, person shot" call. Deputy Herrera stated he was with Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez prior to the call and they responded together to the location. Deputy Herrera stated that they made entry into the building complex and located shattered glass and parts of the windows on the floor of the third (3rd) floor walkway. Deputy Herrera advised that he was directed to the fourth (4th) floor by unknown residents, located across the courtyard in the apartment building (270 NW 71 Avenue). Deputy Herrera stated he discovered the door to apartment #409 was open. At this point, Deputy Herrera drew his handgun. He stood to the right of the open door but could not see inside the apartment. Deputy Herrera stated that Deputy Jimenez-Pelaez contacted the occupant, Albriza-

Jara, and gave him loud verbal commands to, "drop the weapon!" Deputy Herrera indicated that he does not recall who fired their firearm, how many shots he heard, or how the shots were fired. After the shooting, Deputy Herrera, together with Deputies Suarez, Jimenez-Pelaez, and Sanchez, backed away from the door and held the apartment until MDSO Special Response Team arrived.

Victim Yudaisy Salgueiro

On August 26, 2025, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) SA Michael Tovar made contact with the Victim at JMH. The Victim provided SA Tovar with a sworn audio-recorded statement. The Victim advised that she dated Albriza-Jara for approximately ten (10) years, and they lived together in the past. The Victim explained that she and Albriza-Jara broke up in August 2024, but they remained in contact until February 2025, when they had a disagreement over property. The Victim indicated that she arrived at the Largo Condominiums apartment complex from work and proceeded to take the elevator upstairs to apartment #319, where she resides. When the east elevator door opened on the first-floor, Albriza-Jara appeared. He pointed a firearm directly at her and fired once, striking her in the left shoulder. The Victim ran upstairs when she saw Albriza-Jara preparing to shoot her again. Once upstairs, the Victim entered inside apartment #325 until law enforcement arrived.

Lazara Barbara Cruz Marrero

FDLE SA Bryan Estevez and FDLE SA Michael Gaudio obtained a sworn, audio-recorded statement from Lazara Barbara Cruz Marrero. Witness Barbara Cruz Marrero advised that she resides in the building. She was inside her apartment when she heard gunshots coming from outside her apartment. Witness Marrero stated that she went outside and observed the Victim running up the stairs towards her while she was holding her chest and bleeding. Witness Marrero then observed Albriza-Jara running behind the Victim with a small handgun in his hand. Witness Marrero indicated that Albriza-Jara then left and went to the Victim's parents' apartment while he was firing shots in the hallway.

Maria E C

Witness E C stated that she is a resident of the Largo Condominiums. Witness C is the Victim's biological mother. At the time of the incident, C advised that she was laying down on the sofa inside her apartment while her husband lay inside their bedroom. She heard several gunshots being fired outside, when someone (later determined to be Albriza-Jara) shot through her living room window, into her apartment. Witness C explained that she immediately ran into her bedroom and locked the door. She realized that Albriza-Jara was attempting to force open the door, but he was unsuccessful. Witness C further stated that after Albriza-Jara initially left her apartment, he returned and confronted her husband at the front door. Witness C said that Albriza-Jara was still armed with a firearm, and while he confronted her husband at the door, he pointed the gun at them and pulled the trigger several times, but the gun did not fire. Albriza-Jara then ran away. It should be noted that Witness C's statement is consistent with the cell phone video captured by witness Walter Gonzalez.

I R R

Witness I R is the Victim's biological father. He stated that he resides in the building, together with his wife, Witness M C. Witness R explained that he had been taking a nap when he heard glass shattering, coming from their apartment front window, and his wife screaming. He said he noticed that it was Albriza-Jara, who had just left apartment where his daughter (the Victim) resides. Witness R advised that Albriza-Jara broke the windows to his apartment and entered inside. Albriza-Jara was armed with a small black handgun. He pointed the gun at Witness R pulled the trigger, but the gun did not fire. Witness R and his wife managed to push Albriza-Jara out of their apartment and lock the door. Witness R then went to apartment where the Victim had run into after being shot by Albriza-Jara. Witness R did not see the deputies discharge their firearms or anything pertaining to that shooting incident.

Walter Gonzalez

Witness Walter Gonzalez stated that he resides across the courtyard from the Largo Condominiums. Witness Gonzalez had been asleep when he heard approximately three (3) or four (4) gunshots. Witness Gonzalez explained that the gunshots were shot rapidly, one after the other. Witness Gonzalez immediately looked outside and saw a white, Latin male (later confirmed to be Albriza-Jara) running along the walkway. The man then fired twice into an apartment on the third floor of 305 NW 72 Avenue (it was later confirmed that Albriza-Jara fired into apartment #317). Witness Gonzalez stated that at this point, he began to record what was occurring with his cellphone, to capture the incident on video. He indicated that he saw Albriza-Jara with a black handgun in his hand, and he also saw him kick an apartment window (apartment #317) and dive into the window, entering the apartment. Witness Gonzalez advised that Albriza-Jara then exited the apartment and attempted to shoot into the window of the apartment, but the gun had a malfunction. Witness Gonzalez stated that he heard Albriza-Jara say (in Spanish), "What the hell is wrong with this gun!" Witness Gonzalez did not see the police-involved shooting incident.

Elena Batista Rodriguez

Witness Elena Rodriguez advised that she lives in apartment #417, the same building where the officer involved shooting occurred. Witness Rodriguez stated that she was inside her apartment when Albriza-Jara kicked in her door and entered her apartment. Albriza-Jara seemed confused and asked her where he was, when she told him that he was inside her apartment. Witness Rodriguez explained that Albriza-Jara left her apartment and she fled her apartment for safety, fearing that he may return. Next, Witness Rodriguez heard approximately five (5) rapid gunshots but did not know from where they originated, before the police arrived. Witness Rodriguez further stated that after the police arrived, she heard approximately five (5) more gunshots but did not see anyone shooting, to include the deputies that arrived at the building.

The three involved deputies did not provide a statement to FDLE investigators.

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, or 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 Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez constitute a criminal act that can be proven beyond and to the exclusion of every reasonable doubt.

The undersigned attorney has reviewed the entire FDLE file regarding the Police Use of Force in this incident. She has also reviewed the 911 calls/CAD Report, sworn recorded statements, BWC, crime scene photographs, and other evidence compiled by FDLE under FDLE case Number #MI-27-0297. She finds the FDLE summary and report to be complete, thorough and consistent with the witness statements taken on the day of the incident. The undersigned attorney adopts the FDLE report into this memorandum and offers her conclusion based upon the results of her independent review of the evidence.

The relevant and applicable statutes in this situation are Florida Statutes 776.012 and 776.05. Florida Statute 776.012 provides: "(2) A person is justified in using or threatening to use deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that using or threatening to use such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony". Florida Statute 776.05 provides: "The officer is justified in the use of any force (1) which he or she reasonably believes to be necessary to defend himself or herself or another from bodily harm while making the arrest".

A review of the evidence shows that MDSO Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez were dispatched to the Largo Condominiums after several frantic 911 calls in reference to a male who was armed with a firearm, had just shot a female, and was also breaking apartment windows. The officers arrived at the apartment complex approximately two (2) minutes later and observed the Victim suffering from a gunshot wound to her chest, after being shot by Albriza-Jara. Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez learned that Albriza-Jara was still on the scene. They had exigent circumstances to search for and locate Albriza-Jara before he potentially shot other civilians. The three deputies located Albriza-Jara, who was inside apartment #409. The front door of the apartment was ajar, and from directly outside of the apartment (in the passage/catwalk), Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez saw that Albriza-Jara was still armed with a firearm in his hand. Albriza-Jara was given several verbal commands by the deputies to drop the firearm. Albriza-Jara ignored all law enforcement commands and pointed the firearm at the deputies. Consequently, all three deputies discharged their firearm at Albriza-Jara.

Deputies Jimenez-Pelaez and Suarez were standing directly in the doorway, across from Albriza-Jara, as they shouted to him, "let me see your hands!" When Albriza-Jara pointed the

firearm at them, they were in the direct line of fire and reasonably fired several rounds at Albriza-Jara. Deputy Sanchez was in the catwalk, standing a few feet away from Deputies Jimenez-Pelaez and Suarez (to the right of the front door, by the window), as a “cover” for both deputies. The actions of Albriza-Jara in refusing to follow police commands to drop the firearm or to show them his hands, followed by Albriza-Jara’s decision to point the firearm at Deputies Jimenez-Pelaez and Suarez, coupled with the fact that he just shot the civilian victim, warranted the deputies to shoot to protect themselves and others from Albriza-Jara. Similarly, Deputy Sanchez discharged his firearm through the window of #409 to protect himself and/or others in the vicinity, as well as Deputies Jimenez-Pelaez and Suarez, from Albriza-Jara. Based on these facts and the statutory provisions above, the undersigned attorney finds that the shooting was legally justified under Fla. Stat. 776.012 and 776.05, respectively. Deputies Sanchez, Suarez, and Jimenez-Pelaez were legally justified in using deadly force to protect themselves and others from imminent death and/or great bodily harm. They were also justified in the use of deadly force to defend themselves and others from bodily harm while attempting to arrest Albriza-Jara.

Prepared by:

/s/ Ayana N. Duncan
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