Close-out Memorandum of the Investigation Regarding

Troy Scott Cannata

July 10, 2025

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:	KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE State Attorney	DATE:	November 12, 2026
FROM:	STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM	RE:	POLICE SHOOTING CLOSEOUT MEMO SAO CASE #62/25/07/10/002

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

On July 10, 2025, at about 9:30 A.M., Shuki Avino, the owner of a beauty salon, responded to the Aventura Police station to file a report about Troy Cannata, the husband of one of his employees, who sent him multiple threatening Instagram messages. Avino advised Cannata he was reporting the matter to police and did not want to be contacted again. Cannata responded by sending multiple derogatory and antisemitic messages to Avino. Cannata believed his wife and Avino were having an affair, and the messages continued and the last indicated, "I'll be there in 20." Avino called police shortly after noon, and Officers Katina Rodriguez, Glen Kitchen, and Flavio Rivera were dispatched to the salon on a threat to harm call.

Cannata arrived at the salon as the officers were interviewing Avino. Cannata, who was clearly agitated, was saying Avino was having an affair with his wife. Officer Rivera placed Cannata in handcuffs, patted him down, and removed a pocketknife from his person. Cannata was placed in the back of a patrol car and began yelling profanities and antisemitic slurs at Avino. Sergeant Worthington arrived on the scene, and it was determined that after issuing Cannata a trespass warning and advising him not to return to the salon, he would be taken to the Brightline Train Station because he seemed intoxicated and should not be driving. Officer Rodriguez remained at the salon trying to locate Cannata's vehicle and advised Avino the knife Cannata possessed would be returned to him. At about 1:40 P.M., Cannata returned to the salon, ran past Officer Roddriguez, and began striking Avino. Officer Rodriguez drew her firearm and discharged twice, striking Cannata in the torso and left thigh. Cannata was transported to Aventura Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced deceased. The incident is captured on the salon's surveillance system.

Based upon a review of the facts and evidence, there is insufficient information to make a clear determination that the shooting was legally justified. In addition, because the "stand your ground" defense cannot be properly rebutted, criminal charges against Officer Katina Rodriguez 85-0199 will not be filed.

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Approved by State Attorney on this 13 day of November, 2026.

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: October 27, 2026

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RE: POLICE SHOOTING MEMO
SAO Case # 62/25/07/10/002

OFFICER INVOLVED:	Katina Rodriguez ID # (85-199) Aventura Police Department
DECEASED:	Troy Scott Cannata
DATE & TIME:	Thursday, July 10, 2025, at approximately 1:40 p.m.
LOCATION:	19017 Biscayne Blvd. Aventura FL, 33180 (RH Beauty & Salon)
WEAPON:	Glock Model 45, 9mm Pistol, #BWWK914 (Officer Rodriguez)
LEAD/REPORTS:	S.A. Michael Gaudio, FDLE / Received Reports 12-01-2025
CASE #s:	FDLE - MI-27-0293 Aventura PD 25-002947 (Initial Call) Aventura PD 25-002960 (Trespass Warning)
SAO CASE #:	#62/25/07/10/002

FACTUAL SUMMARY

On Thursday, July 10, 2025, at approximately 9:30 A.M., Shuki Avino, hereinafter referred to as Avino, the owner of RH Beauty & Salon, hereinafter referred to as Salon, walked into the Aventura Police Department to make a complaint about the husband of one of his employees. Avino advised that he had received several messages via Instagram that he found threatening from Troy Scott Cannata, hereinafter referred to as Cannata. He stated that Cannata was the husband of one of his employees, Stephanie Cannata hereinafter referred to as Stephanie. After speaking with police, Avino sent Cannata a message that he was at the police station filing a report and to not contact him again.

In response to being advised not to contact him again on the advice of police, Cannata sent multiple derogatory and antisemitic messages to Avino, who is Jewish and of Israeli descent. Cannata's messages included screen shots of messages between Avino and Stephanie, which apparently Cannata took offense to and determined to be indicative of a romantic relationship between his wife Stephanie and Avino. These messages continued even after Cannata was advised that the police were involved. The last message from Cannata to Avino stated, "I'll be there in 20." Avino called police shortly after 12:00 P.M. to report the continued messages which he perceived as personal threats and to advise that Cannata was reportedly heading to the Salon.

At approximately 12:12 P.M. Officer Katina Rodriguez and Officer Glen Kitchen were dispatched to the Salon on a threat to harm call. Officer Flavio Rivera was also dispatched as back up. Officers arrived and made contact with Avino. Avino advised that he had previously responded to the APD to report threats from Cannata. Avino told them that the situation had escalated because Cannata messaged Avino that he was going to respond to the Salon.

The following was captured on the video, with audio, surveillance system of the Salon which captures the outside of the front entrance as well as the inside of the Salon. As Avino, Officer Katina Rodriguez, Officer Flavio Rivera, and Officer Glen Kitchen are speaking inside of the Salon Cannata approaches the front door on foot at approximately 12:28 P.M. Cannata stands on the sidewalk directly in front of the door and gestures for them to come outside. Officer Glen Kitchen and Officer Flavio Rivera exit the Salon and begin speaking to Cannata, who was clearly

agitated, and claiming that Avino was having a relationship with his wife, Stephanie. Cannata walks out of screen, and the Officers follow him off screen. Officer Katina Rodriguez then exits and walks off screen. The audio does pick up bits and pieces of their conversation with Cannata. Cannata is claiming that Avino is possibly having an affair with Stephanie. Approximately five minutes later Cannata enters the screen again gesturing towards the business and for the Officers to place him in handcuffs. Officer Flavio Rivera then places Cannata in handcuffs and pats him down. As this is happening, Officers notice and remove a pocketknife from Cannata. As Cannata is placed in the back of Officer Flavio Rivera's patrol car, parked directly in front of the Salon, Cannata begins yelling profanities towards the Salon, presumably at Avino.

Avino exits the Salon a short time later and while speaking to the Officers learns that Cannata had a pocketknife on his person. Officers explained that Cannata will be issued a warning for trespassing and advised to stay away from the Salon. During the conversations occurring between the Officers and Avino, Cannata can be heard yelling profanities and antisemitic slurs from inside the police car. During this period Sergeant Worthington arrives and is briefed on the situation. Because the Officers believe that Cannata is intoxicated, a decision is made that Cannata will be taken to the Brightline Train Station. Officers explain to Avino that Cannata is going to be trespassed and taken to the Brightline Train Station because Cannata is not in a state to be driving. At approximately 12:53 P.M., Officer Flavio Rivera leaves the scene with Cannata in the back of his police car. Officer Katina Rodriguez remains and further explains to Avino that the knife that Cannata possessed is not illegal and will be returned to Cannata. At approximately 1:05 P.M., Officer Flavio Rivera advises dispatch that he arrived at the Brightline Trian Station and is dropping off Cannata. After Officer Flavio Rivera left the Brightline Train Station he returned to the station to complete his report and impound the knife that Cannata was carrying. It is important to note that Officer Flavio Rivera did not communicate over the radio or otherwise, that he had in fact impounded the knife for safekeeping.

The remaining Officers eventually clear the area, leaving only Officer Katina Rodriguez at the Salon with Avino. At approximately 1:32 P.M. Cannata is captured on Aventura city cameras walking southbound on Biscayne Boulevard in the direction of the Salon. At the Salon, Avino requests that Officer Katina Rodriguez try to locate Cannata's car. Officer Katina Rodriguez runs two (2) vehicles through NCIC/FCIC at 1:37 P.M. Officer Katina Rodriguez enters the Salon and

shows Avino images on her phone as he, Avino, is working on a client's hair. At approximately 1:40 P.M., Cannata runs into the Salon and passes Officer Katina Rodriguez, who is standing with her back to the front door. Cannata runs directly to where Avino is working on the hair of a customer seated in his chair. Cannata immediately begins punching Avino in the face and head. Cannata grabs Avino by the hair and throws him to the ground while still punching him. As this is occurring, Officer Katina Rodriguez draws her firearm and shoots two times in the direction of Cannata, striking him in the torso and the left thigh. After the shooting Officer Katina Rodriguez immediately gets on the radio and announces, "shots fired" and for Fire Rescue to respond. Cannata was transported to Aventura Hospital Trauma Center where he was pronounced deceased by Dr. Hoan Van Bui at 2:09 P.M.

Avino suffered pain and soreness to his neck and shoulder after the incident.

TIMELINE

7:27 A.M. – Cannata sends first message to Avino

9:58 A.M. – Avino arrives at Aventura Police Station to report the messages from Cannata

10:41 A.M. – Avino sends Cannata a message that he is at the police station making a report

Unknown – Cannata sends a barrage of messages back, including that he (Cannata) will "be there in 20"

12:10 P.M. – Avino calls the police to report that Cannata claims to be on the way to the Salon

12:12 P.M. – Officer Katina Rodriguez and Officer Glen Kitchen are dispatched to the Salon

12:13 P.M. – Officer Flavio Rivera takes an additional backup signal

12:21 P.M. – Officers arrive at the Salon

12:28 P.M. – Cannata arrives at the Salon

12:53 P.M. – Officer Flavio Rivera advises he is leaving the Salon with Cannata to take him to the Brightline Trian Station

1:05 P.M. – Officer Flavio Rivera advises he is arriving at the Brightline Train Station and dropped off Cannata

1:36 P.M. - Cannata is captured on Aventura City cameras walking Southbound on Biscayne Blvd towards the Salon

1:38 P.M. – Cannata runs up the sidewalk and into the Salon

1:40 P.M. – Officer Katina Rodriguez advises shots fired over the radio and requests Fire Rescue

SUMMARY OF WITNESS STATEMENTS

Statement of Shuki Hosha Avino:

Avino is part owner of the Salon. The morning of the shooting Mr. Avino began receiving Instagram messages from Cannata accusing him (Avino) of having an affair with Cannata's wife. Avino found the messages threatening in nature and therefore made a police report at the Aventura Police Station. Avino told the police that Cannata was an alcoholic and had a history of possible domestic issues. After Avino arrived at the Salon he received the message from Cannata that he would be at the Salon in 20 minutes. Avino saw Cannata approach the Salon and saw him interacting with police. Avino also saw the police remove something from Cannata's pocket and later learned it was a knife.

Avino expressed great concern, over and over, to the police about the knife and why Cannata was not being arrested. Avino expressed his belief that Cannata was there to kill him or do some other violent act to him. After the police took Cannata away Officer Katina Rodriguez stayed and was going in and out of the Salon looking for Cannata's car.

As Officer Katina Rodriguez was showing Avino a photograph on her phone Avino saw someone rush in, past Officer Katina Rodriguez, and starts punching him. Avino stated that at some point Cannata grabs him by the hair and they end up on the ground. He advises that Cannata was still trying to punch him when he thinks he heard Officer Katina Rodriguez yelling something to Cannata and then gun shots.

When asked by the interviewer what Avino thought Cannata's intentions were, and if Avino believed Cannata was trying to kill him, he responded "Absolutely. Um, if the officer hadn't...fearful I mean, it was on, I was on the floor...clients all over the Salon, a police officer standing right there, a police car, it's out there. This guy was out of his mind for sure. Yeah, he was clearly not thinking, and he was ready to kill. He was not ready to just punch someone and go. Because if you wanted to talk to me you could've tell me, come outside, I want to talk to you, not make a scene in front of clients..."

Statement of Carson Speir:

Speir had been a customer for about 4 years and is an ICU nurse. Speir was present in the Salon when Cannata arrived for the first time as well as the shooting. Avino told Speir that Cannata was belligerent, intoxicated and believed that he, Avino, was having an affair with his wife. Avino also told her that Cannata was armed with a knife but that police told him it was legal for him to possess.

Specifically, Speir said: "He told me that the guy was just very, um, belligerent like spitting and just appeared to be intoxicated." … "um, and that the police and that he, they also said, or he also told me that he had a knife, and the police officer said that it was legal because it was like four inches." Speir stated that Avino told her that the police drove Cannata away from the Salon.

Speir was sitting in the salon chair with Avino working on her hair when she heard a male screaming and saw Cannata run up to Avino and start punching him in the face. She said, "And as he's coloring my hair…I hear this guy starts screaming. He runs in immediately punches, Shook in the face. He's punching him repeatedly….at this point, Shook's on the ground, the police officer, one of the police officers was still on the scene. She walks in and she…. yells stop. And her words didn't do anything. He continued hitting Shook, they're on the ground. I immediately get up and walk away so I don't get in the middle of it. And then very quickly the police officer shoots the man in, I think it was the chest….I heard two shots."

When asked by the interviewer if she thought Avino was going to be seriously injured she replied "Oh yes! That man was psychotic. I mean, he was crazy. He, I mean, uh, he seemed like the man was on drugs or something. It was, he was out of control. Like he was just punching like it was crazy."

Speir stated that Cannata was punching Avino in the face and head and Cannata was trying to kill Avino. When asked by the interviewer if there was any question in her mind that he (Cannata) was trying to beat him (Avino) to death Speir responded "Yes. He was trying to do that. Okay. Yeah. Um, there was, nobody was getting that man off of him…"

Speir stated that it was her perception that Cannata was still going after Avino after the first shot was fired. Speir described Avino's face as noticeably swollen and that he was also complaining about back and neck pain.

Statement of Madelyne Velasquez:

Velasquez was employed at the Salon on the day of the shooting. That day she was told that there was a threat against one of the owners and the police were going to respond. At some point after the meeting the police arrived, and Velasquez saw Cannata outside in handcuffs and could hear him yelling. Velasquez continued her day and sometime later she observed Cannata run into the salon appearing angry and red. She observed Cannata start beating Avino in the face. Velasquez stated that she heard Officer Katina Rodriguez tell Cannata to stop but he did not. Velasquez stated that Officer Katina Rodriguez fired at Cannata one time while both Cannata and Avino were on the ground. Velasquez stated that she believed that Avino was going to be seriously injured by Cannata.

Statement of Maria Tineo:

Tineo was the manager at the salon on the day of the shooting. That morning Tineo was called on the phone by Avino who advised her that he, (Avino) was receiving messages from Cannata that he considered threatening. Tineo advised Avino to report the messages to the police which he did. Later that morning Avino arrived at the Salon after reporting the situation to the police. A short time later Avino advised Tineo that he had received messages from Cannata that he (Cannata) was going to come to the Salon. Avino called the police and they responded. While the police were there Cannata approached the salon and was spitting and swearing at Avino. Cannata was detained by police and placed in the back of one of the police cars. Tineo saw that Cannata was then outside of the car and was yelling and spitting at Avino. Cannata was placed back in the police car and then driven away.

Eventually, all the officers left except for Officer Katina Rodriguez. Officer Katina Rodriguez was coming in and out of the salon and speaking with Avino. During this time Cannata called the Salon and was swearing and yelling about Avino. Officer Katina Rodriguez was advised of the phone call. Later, Cannata called another time. Again, Officer Katina Rodriguez was informed of the phone call. Tineo indicated to Officer Katina Rodriguez that she was going to block his number, but Officer Katina Rodriguez advised her not to, in case he (Cannata) said something they needed to know.

A short time later Tineo, while at the front desk of the salon, observed Cannata opening the front door, running into the Salon, and passing by Officer Katina Rodriguez. Tineo stated that Cannata went immediately to Avino and began punching him in the face, "super-hard." Tineo

heard Officer Katina Rodriguez say stop one time before shooting at Cannata. After the shooting Tineo advised Avino was on the ground disoriented.

Statement of Roberta Andreea Munteanu:

Munteanu was a guest in the salon at the time of the shooting. That afternoon Munteanu arrived at the salon to visit a friend that worked there. She was present at the Salon when Cannata was detained by the police and placed in the back of the police car and driven away. Before the shooting, Munteanu was standing at Avino's station speaking with him and his client in the chair. Officer Katina Rodriguez was there and was showing Avino a picture on her phone to which Avino responded, "no, that's not the car." Munteanu then saw Cannata running in towards Avino screaming "where is Shuki!" Munteanu stated that Cannata grabbed Avino by the neck and pushed him into the mirror while punching him. She stated that Cannata was punching Avino so hard that she believed it cracked the mirror. Munteanu stated that Cannata grabbed Avino by the hair and continued punching him. At some point Munteanu sees Avino falling and hears two gunshots. Afterwards, Avino was swollen and bruised.

CONCLUSION

The role of tbe 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 Officer Katina Rodriguez 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 sworn statements of Officers and civilians, firearm analysis, radio transmissions, surveillance footage from outside the Salon before the shooting, surveillance footage from inside the Salon capturing the shooting, supplemental reports, crime scene reports, crime scene photographs, medical examiners report and photographs, and other evidence compiled

by FDLE under FDLE Case Number MI-27-0293. 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.

Under Florida law and Section 776.012, of the Florida Statutes, a person is justified in using or threatening to use deadly force if they reasonably believe that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to themselves or another, or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony. This justification applies as long as the person using or threatening to use deadly force is not engaged in criminal activity and is in a place where they have a right to be.

At a Stand Your Ground hearing (SYG) the State must show by *clear and convincing evidence* that the defendant is *not* entitled to immunity. Clear and convincing evidence means that "the sum total of the evidence must be of sufficient weight to convince the trier of fact without hesitancy."

An objective standard is to be applied by a trial court in evaluating the factual circumstances presented in a SYG hearing. This standard requires the court to determine whether, based on the circumstances as they appeared to the defendant when they acted, a reasonable and prudent person situated in the same circumstances and knowing what the defendant knew would have used the same force as the defendant did.

In the absence of a statement from Officer Katina Rodriguez detailing what she saw and what was in her mind before the shooting, Officer Katina Rodriguez's actual knowledge or intent in firing her weapon cannot be determined. Therefore, there is insufficient evidence to make a clear determination that the shooting was legally justified. However, based on the totality of the evidence collected and reviewed, the State is unable to refute a claim by Officer Katina Rodriguez that she believed that Avino was in danger of death or great bodily harm at the hands of Cannata. Therefore, we are unable to prove by clear and convincing evidence that she is not entitled to immunity from prosecution and criminal charges cannot be filed.

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