

# Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Case Number: OR-27-0384

Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida



## Investigative Summary

### Use of Force Investigation Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Incident Date: November 13, 2020

Case Agent:  
Special Agent Lisa Gundrum

Subject:

Angelo Jaquez Crooms  
Black/Male  
DOB: May 15, 2004

Sincere Kenwun Ruben Pierce  
Black/Male  
DOB: April 2, 2002

Involved Deputy:

Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda

Incident Location:

1301 South Stetson Drive  
Cocoa, Florida 32922

# **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY**

## **Summary of Events**

On November 13, 2020, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) conduct an investigation into the use of deadly force by Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda, which resulted in the death of Sincere Kenwun Ruben Pierce and Angelo Jaquez Crooms. The incident occurred near the intersection of Stetson Drive and Ivy Drive in Cocoa, Florida.

The preliminary investigation revealed that on November 13, 2020, at approximately 1018 hours, BCSO Deputy Ezra Dominguez attempted to conduct a traffic stop for illegal window tint on a gray Volkswagen displaying Florida tag NWE22. The vehicle failed to stop and Deputy Dominguez advised over the radio that the vehicle fled the area. Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda and Deputy Carson Hendren traveled to the area of the Volkswagen's registered address on Ivy Drive and were stationary at Clearlake Road and Dixon Boulevard. Deputy Hendren observed a gray Volkswagen fitting the description of the vehicle that fled from Deputy Dominguez drive past the deputies. Deputies Santiago Miranda and Carson proceeded after the gray Volkswagen.

Deputy Santiago Miranda and Deputy Hendren observed the gray Volkswagen turn left on Ivy Drive. Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda followed behind the Volkswagen. The Volkswagen turned left on Stetson Drive and into the driveway at 1302 South Stetson Drive. The Volkswagen backed out of the driveway and stopped in the street-facing north. Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda parked their patrol units on South Stetson Drive facing south.

Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda exited their patrol units, took positions next to their patrol units, and pointed their firearms in the direction of the Volkswagen. Deputy Santiago Miranda repeatedly issued verbal commands to the driver of the Volkswagen. The driver of the Volkswagen did not comply with Deputy Santiago Miranda's commands. The Volkswagen drove toward Deputy Santiago Miranda, at which time Deputy Santiago Miranda fired multiple rounds at the Volkswagen. The Volkswagen subsequently traveled east and struck the residence at 1301 South Stetson Drive.

The driver of the Volkswagen was identified as Angelo Jaquez Crooms. Crooms sustained gunshot injuries and was transported to Rockledge Regional Medical Center and then to Holmes Regional Medical Center and was later pronounced deceased. The backseat passenger, Sincere Pierce sustained gunshot injuries and was transported to Rockledge Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased. Jaquan Marice Kimbrough-Rucker, the front seat passenger was not injured and was interviewed at the BCSO Criminal Investigative Services office in Rockledge and later released.

## **911 calls / Radio Communications / CAD report**

### **CAD Report**

The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) report was consistent with the radio traffic and contained no significant differences. The CAD report was recorded in actual time. The CAD comments and radio traffic are typed in by the dispatchers as the call for service progresses, and abbreviations and misspellings are common. The following is a summary of the relevant CAD comments:

Time	Description
10:18	Veh fleeing sb us 1/michigan, high rate of speed sb....he (Deputy Dominguez) is backing off
10:18	t4 t66
10:19	241 (Deputy Dominguez) heading back to americas best
10:26	(Deputy Dominguez) americas best room 148, will be inside front office
10:26	48 (Deputy Santiago Miranda) does it have tinted windows...241 (Deputy Dominguez) t4 all windows tinted

10:30	FM calling Kiara Newsome owner of the veh, it is in her dads name Leon Newsome wanting to report her car stolen from 1930 Ivy Dr
10:31	RP adv she leaves her keys in her car..TL/of her noticing 30 mins..RP ran up to the 711 to get coffee headed back home now
10:32	Calling from 321 261 9636
10:33	Believes they have the veh, fl/nweg04
10:33	T33 Initiated
10:34	1970 (Deputy Ring),241 (Deputy Dominguez),t51 shots fired t33 given
10:34	405 (Sergeant Sangeleer) were are you guys at, Stetson ivy
10:34	Jafet is everyone ok there?
10:35	3 people in the veh, 1 on pass side not sure if he is trying to get out
10:35	405 (Sergeant Sangeleer) were exactly are you...

### **911 Call**

The caller stated she wanted "to see how she could report her car stolen." The caller woke up this morning and her car was missing from 1930 Ivy Drive. The caller advised she kept the keys in the sun visor of the car and described the car as a 2016 or 2015 silver Volkswagen Passat with tag number NWE22 and identified herself as Kiara Newsome. Kiara said the car was in her father's name, Leon Newsome.

### **Radio Transmissions**

The radio transmissions were recorded in actual time; however, the time of day is not indicated during each transmission. Therefore, the transmissions reflect the elapsed time of the recording. Deputies and the Communications Center personnel did not identify themselves with each transmission. The Communications Center is identified as "Brevard." The following is a synopsis:

#### **File labeled "2020-395879 west radio"**

Elapsed Time	Description
00:20	(Deputy Dominguez) 10-50 US 1 southbound 528, FL tag NWE22, gray Volkswagen
00:37	(Brevard) 241 54 29 to a 2015 Silver Volkswagen 4 door to a leasing company out of Memphis 20 22
00:48	(Deputy Dominguez) veh is fleeing southbound US 1 approaching Michigan
00:54	(Deputy Dominguez) I am backing off, veh continuing at a high rate of speed southbound
01:01	(Deputy Dominguez) I cannot see him (the vehicle) now
01:06	(Sergeant Sangeleer) to Brevard Where did the car registration come out of?
01:10	(Brevard) Ivy Drive in Cocoa
01:18	(Brevard) 241 do you want to close it out? (Deputy Dominguez) not just yet going back to Americas Best
01:25	(Deputy Dominguez) If we can have unit to send to the registered owners, if we have one available
01:54	(Deputy Santiago Miranda) I have a silver Passat going eastbound on 520, going try to catch up to verify the tag
02:02	(Deputy Santiago Miranda to Deputy Dominguez) can you advise if it had tinted windows
02:03	(Deputy Dominguez) to Deputy Santiago Miranda) 10-4, all windows are tinted even the windshield
02:17	(Deputy Santiago Miranda), 10-54 on being the vehicle, 51 back to Ivy
03:56	(Deputy Santiago Miranda) I believe we have the vehicle
04:00	(Deputy Carson Hendren) NWE22 at Stetson and Ivy
04:08	(Deputy Santiago Miranda) 10 33!
04:10	(Deputy Hendren) We have them at gunpoint
04:18	(Deputy Hendren) Shots Fired! Shots Fired!

04:25	(Deputy Santiago Miranda) Get multiple units here now
04:32	(Sergeant Sangeleer) where are you guys at
04:35	(Deputy Hendren) at Stetson and Ivy
04:48	(Unknown) Jafet is everyone ok there?

**File labeled "2020-395879 west ops 11232020 101600am to 82259pm"**

Time Elapsed	Description
00:02	[Deputy Dominguez] Hey Jafet, it should be a black male driver, I am headed back Americas Best to get see if I can get surveillance of him confirm it.
00:07	[OPS Communications] advise 48 or 41 on OPS?
00:10	[Deputy Dominguez] 48
00:11	[OPS Communications] was that for a Volkswagen Passet?
00:13	[Deputy Dominguez] I believe that was what the registration came back to
00:16	[OPS Communications] 10-4, I believe we are landline with the registered owner trying to report it stolen
00:25	[Deputy Santiago Miranda] 4 OPS-Do you have a 20 for them
00:27	[OPS Communications] 1930 Ivy Drive
00:28	[Deputy Santiago Miranda] is that city or county
00:32	[OPS Communications] city of Cocoa

**Law Enforcement Interviews**

**Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda**

On November 19, 2020, FDLE Special Agents (SA) Lisa Gundrum and Ryan Bliss obtained a voluntary, sworn, recorded interview of BCSO Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda. The interview was conducted at the FDLE Brevard Field Office in Melbourne, Florida. Also present during the interview was Marty White, Deputy Santiago Miranda's legal counsel, and Florida Police Benevolent Association Representative Al Boettjer. Deputy Santiago Miranda acknowledged that he understood his statement was being taken as part of a criminal investigation being conducted by FDLE and was not part of any administrative investigation the BCSO may be conducting. Deputy Santiago Miranda acknowledged that his statement was voluntary and that he could stop the interview at any time. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Deputy Santiago Miranda has been employed with the BCSO for approximately four (4) years and is currently assigned to the patrol division. Deputy Santiago Miranda was wearing his class B uniform at the time of the incident with a Sheriff's badge on the front of the shirt and BCSO patches on the sleeves. Deputy Santiago Miranda was in his marked patrol unit at the time of the use of force incident.

Deputy Santiago Miranda stated that Deputy Ezra Dominguez attempted to conduct a traffic stop that morning. Deputy Dominguez provided the tag and vehicle description of a gray Volkswagen over the radio. The vehicle fled from Deputy Dominguez and that he was no longer behind the vehicle.

Deputy Dominguez requested the vehicle's registered address from the dispatcher and to have a deputy respond to the address. Deputy Santiago Miranda confirmed with Deputy Dominguez that the vehicle had dark tinted windows. As Deputy Santiago Miranda responded to the area of the registered vehicle's address. The dispatcher reported over the radio that the owner of the vehicle called to report the vehicle stolen. Deputy Santiago Miranda met with Deputy Carson Hendren at Clearlake Road and Dixon Boulevard. Deputy Hendren believed she saw a vehicle meeting Deputy Dominguez's vehicle's description pass by them. Deputy Hendren proceeded after the vehicle traveling westbound on Dixon Boulevard. Deputy Santiago Miranda followed behind Deputy Hendren.

Deputy Hendren made a left on Exeter Drive, while Deputy Santiago Miranda continued and made a left on the next street Ivy Drive. Deputy Santiago Miranda saw the vehicle turn left on Ivy Drive in front of him. Deputy Hendren was behind the vehicle and turned left on to Ivy Drive. Deputy Santiago Miranda

followed behind Deputy Hendren. Deputy Hendren called out the vehicle's tag as they approached a stop sign. The vehicle made a left on Stetson Drive and pulled immediately into a driveway on the right-hand side of Stetson Drive. Deputy Santiago Miranda stated since the vehicle had fled and had just been stolen, that was the reason Deputy Santiago Miranda and Deputy Hendren would conduct a felony stop. The vehicle backed out of the driveway and stopped in the middle of the road facing Deputy Santiago Miranda and Deputy Hendren, who had exited their patrol units. Deputy Santiago Miranda activated his emergency lights before he exited his vehicle. Deputy Santiago Miranda took a position near the curbside with his firearm pointed in the direction of the vehicle. The vehicle moved forward, then back. While the vehicle was stationary, Deputy Santiago Miranda saw the movement of the driver and a front-seat passenger. Deputy Santiago Miranda saw the movement of a "silhouette" behind the front seat passenger. Deputy Santiago Miranda described what he saw, "Something was just to the left of the front passenger's head, not him, it looked like something was pointing at me, I do not know what it was." Deputy Santiago Miranda saw the driver turn his whole torso toward the rear as if the driver was communicating toward someone in the rear seat.

Deputy Santiago Miranda heard the vehicle's engine revving and rocked in place due to movement inside the vehicle. Deputy Santiago Miranda issued commands to the vehicle to "Stop the vehicle! Stop the vehicle!" and used hand signals. The vehicle's driver then turned the vehicle toward Deputy Santiago Miranda. Deputy Santiago Miranda repeated his issued commands to the vehicle's driver.

The vehicle accelerated toward Deputy Santiago Miranda, who was positioned near the curbside and had no cover. Deputy Santiago Miranda stated that he was in fear of his life. Deputy Santiago Miranda discharged his weapon at the vehicle. The vehicle was "in very close proximity" to Deputy Santiago Miranda when the vehicle accelerated past him. Deputy Santiago Miranda was unable to determine how fast the vehicle came toward him and could not recall the number of shots he fired. The vehicle continued to pass Deputy Santiago Miranda and crashed into the house at the southeast corner of the intersection. Deputy Santiago Miranda did not know if he continued to fire shots at the vehicle as it passed by him.

The vehicle's rear driver side door immediately opened and Deputy Santiago Miranda took cover behind a tree. Deputy Santiago Miranda could see the passenger in the front seat. Deputy Santiago Miranda issued commands to the vehicle, "Stop the vehicle! Turn off the vehicle!" The rear passenger door opened and Deputy Santiago Miranda was briefly distracted by a woman (Cynthia Green) shouting behind him. The front seat passenger, Jaquan Marice Kimbrough-Rucker was ordered out of the vehicle by Deputy Santiago Miranda and ordered to walk toward the patrol units by Deputy Hendren. Kimbrough-Rucker was secured by Deputy Santiago Miranda and placed in Deputy Santiago Miranda's patrol vehicle.

Deputy Dominguez arrived on scene and retrieved a shield from Deputy Santiago Miranda's vehicle. Deputy Dominguez and Deputy Hendren approached the vehicle. Deputy Santiago Miranda remained at the patrol units. When the vehicle was secured, Deputy Santiago Miranda assisted Deputy Hendren in rendering aid to the rear passenger Sincere Pierce. Deputy Santiago Miranda retrieved the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and performed chest compressions on the rear seat passenger. Cocoa Police Department (CPD) and BCSO Deputies arrived on the scene, and Deputy Santiago Miranda was relieved from his position and remained near his patrol unit.

Deputy Santiago Miranda's in-car camera was recording at the time of the use of force incident.

### **Deputy Carson Hendren**

On November 13, 2020, FDLE SA Christopher Deardoff and SA Brad Lewis conducted a sworn, recorded interview with Deputy Carson Hendren. The interview was conducted at the BCSO Criminal Investigation Services, located at 340 Gus Hipp Blvd, Rockledge, Florida. Also present was BCSO Agent Don Reynolds, Police Benevolent Association Representative Al Boettjer, and Deputy Hendren's attorney Marty White. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Deputy Hendren has been employed by the BCSO for approximately two and a half years and is currently assigned to the patrol division. Deputy Hendren was wearing a green BCSO uniform consisting of long pants, a short-sleeve button-down shirt, and a duty belt. The uniform had agency patches and a badge that identified Deputy Hendren as a law enforcement officer. Deputy Hendren was in her marked patrol unit vehicle at the time of the incident.

Deputy Hendren heard Deputy Dominguez advise via the radio that he attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle that fled from him. The description of the vehicle that Deputy Hendren heard was a gray, 4-door, Volkswagen. Deputy Hendren was unsure of the vehicle model. After Deputy Hendren cleared her call for service, she contacted Deputy Santiago Miranda via phone to obtain further information about the vehicle that fled from Deputy Dominguez. The BCSO communications center then advised that the suspect vehicle was possibly stolen and a relative of the registered owner wanted to meet at an address on Ivy Drive in Cocoa. Deputy Hendren met with Deputy Santiago Miranda at a parking lot at the intersection of Clearlake Road and Dixon Blvd located to discuss the suspected stolen vehicle. While Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda were in their patrol vehicles discussing the vehicle that fled from Deputy Dominguez, Deputy Hendren believed she saw the vehicle in question pass in front of her, heading westbound on Dixon Blvd. Deputy Hendren informed Deputy Santiago Miranda that she believed she just saw the suspect vehicle pass in front of them. Deputy Hendren drove westbound on Dixon Blvd in an attempt to catch up to the vehicle to verify whether or not the license plate number was the same as the suspected stolen vehicle.

Once Deputy Hendren was behind the vehicle, she was able to see the license plate number but could not recall if the license plate matched the suspected stolen vehicle. Deputy Hendren followed the vehicle, but at no point did she activate her patrol vehicle's emergency lights or sirens. Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda followed the vehicle to the intersection of Stetson Drive and Ivy Drive. The vehicle pulled into the driveway of 1302 South Stetson Drive. Deputy Hendren positioned her patrol vehicle to the north of the driveway and on the west side of Stetson Drive. Deputy Santiago Miranda positioned his patrol to the left of Deputy Hendren on the east side of Stetson Drive. Deputy Hendren positioned her patrol vehicle and immediately exited it and unholstered her firearm. Deputy Hendren unholstered her firearm because the vehicle matched the description of the suspected stolen vehicle. Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda gave multiple commands to the vehicle to stop and she believed that the occupants were attempting to flee.

Deputy Hendren took a position at the passenger rear of her patrol vehicle for cover. Deputy Hendren saw the suspect vehicle back out of the driveway and reverse southbound on Stetson Drive. The suspect vehicle then stopped and was positioned facing Deputy Santiago Miranda and his patrol vehicle. Deputy Hendren transitioned to the passenger front area of her patrol vehicle when the suspect vehicle backed out of the driveway.

Deputy Hendren pointed her firearm at the suspect vehicle and could hear what sounded like the engine revving. The vehicle then reversed a short distance and stopped. Deputy Hendren estimated the vehicle was approximately 15 yards in front of Deputy Santiago Miranda and his patrol vehicle. Deputy Hendren could not see into the suspect vehicle due to a dark-colored tint on the windows.

The suspect vehicle drove towards Deputy Santiago Miranda in a fast and "threatening" manner. Deputy Hendren could not recall where she was standing but advised that she was looking at the suspect vehicle and could see Deputy Santiago Miranda to the left of her out of her peripheral vision. Deputy Santiago Miranda was standing toward the front of his patrol vehicle pointing his firearm at the suspect vehicle. Deputy Hendren heard multiple gunshots and could see bullet holes appear in the windshield of the suspect vehicle. Deputy Hendren did not see Deputy Santiago Miranda shoot but heard the gunshots come from an area in front of her. Deputy Hendren viewed the motion of the suspect vehicle as a threat to Deputy Santiago Miranda or as an attempt to flee. Due to the rapid succession of events, Deputy Hendren Deputy did not shoot at the suspect vehicle. The suspect vehicle continued to accelerate forward and onto the property of 1301 South Stetson Drive. The suspect vehicle crashed into the front of the

residence. Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda approached the vehicle and gave verbal commands for the passengers to exit the vehicle.

The front passenger, Kimbrough-Rucker, displayed his hands outside of the vehicle and was instructed to exit the vehicle. Deputy Santiago Miranda detained the passenger and placed him into a patrol vehicle. Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda approached the suspect vehicle along with Deputy Dominguez, who had arrived on the scene. Deputy Hendren noticed the rear passenger, was out of the vehicle laying on the ground. Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda provided medical aid to the individual until officers with CPD arrived on scene and took over the medical aid. Deputy Hendren returned to her patrol vehicle and waited for further instructions from her supervisor.

Deputy Hendren's in-car camera was not recording at the time of the use of force incident.

### **Deputy Ezra Dominguez**

On November 13, 2020, SA Lisa Gundrum conducted a sworn, voluntary recorded interview with BCSO Deputy Ezra Dominguez at Ivy Drive and Stetson Drive in Cocoa, Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Carmen Minthorn. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Deputy Dominguez has been employed with BCSO for approximately four years and is currently assigned to the patrol division. Deputy Dominguez was in his marked patrol unit at the time of the traffic stop.

Deputy Dominguez attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a silver or gray 4-door Volkswagen in the area of southbound US1 approaching 528. The vehicle had illegal tinted windows. Deputy Dominguez activated his emergency lights and siren, at which point the vehicle accelerated at a high rate of speed past the intersection of US 1 and Michigan Avenue. Deputy Dominguez turned off his emergency equipment and terminated the traffic stop. The vehicle's registered address came back to an address on Ivy Drive in Cocoa and was not reported stolen at the time of the attempted traffic stop.

Before the attempted traffic stop, Deputy Dominguez had observed the vehicle backed into America's Best Value Inn parking space (3220 North Highway 1, Cocoa, Florida) and adjacent to room #108. Deputy Dominguez observed a black male loading property into the trunk of the Volkswagen. The black male ducked his head into the trunk of the car when he saw Deputy Dominguez pull into America's Best Value Inn. Deputy Dominguez continued through the parking lot as though he had not seen the suspicious activity of the male. Shortly thereafter, Deputy Dominguez observed the vehicle traveling southbound on US1.

After the vehicle fled from his attempted traffic stop, Deputy Dominguez returned to America Best Value Inn to identify the occupants of the room or capture video surveillance to identify the driver. While at America's Best Value Inn, Deputy Dominguez heard over the radio deputies were with the vehicle and that shots were fired.

Deputy Dominguez responded to the scene. Upon arriving, Deputy Dominguez saw Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda with their firearms pointed at a dark gray 4-door Volkswagen with dark tinted windows. The vehicle had crashed into a house. Deputy Dominguez was not able to see the occupants inside the vehicle due to the dark window tint. The driver side door and driver side passenger door were closed. The right passenger side door was open, but Deputy Dominguez could not see through the other side. Deputy Hendren took a position at a tree and provided cover for Deputy Dominguez as he retrieved the shield from Deputy Santiago Miranda's patrol vehicle. Deputy Dominguez and Deputy Hendren approached the driver side door of the vehicle. Deputy Dominguez issued orders for the driver to put his hands where he could see them, however, the driver did not comply. Deputy Dominguez opened the driver's door and observed the driver, Angelo Jaquez Crooms, with agonal breathing. Shortly afterward, Deputy Dominguez removed Crooms from the vehicle and performed CPR. Deputy Dominguez saw Deputy Santiago Miranda with Pierce on the ground outside the right side of the vehicle. Deputy Dominguez was not aware Kimbrough-Rucker was in the vehicle until the Kimrough-Rucker was transported to the BCSO Criminal Investigative Services Office.

Deputy Dominguez's in-car camera was recording at the time of the attempted traffic stop.

### **Deputy Christina Jenkins**

On November 18, 2020, SA Chris Shephard conducted a voluntary sworn, recorded interview with BCSO Deputy Christina Jenkins at the BCSO's West Precinct, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Sam Grimes. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Deputy Jenkins heard over the radio Deputy Dominguez attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle and the vehicle did not stop. BCSO deputies advised over the radio that they were going to check the area of Ivy Drive in an attempt to locate the vehicle that had fled from Deputy Dominguez.

Deputy Jenkins heard radio traffic that the vehicle had been located and started driving to the area of Ivy Drive. While en-route, Deputy Jenkins heard "shots fired" call over the radio. Deputy Jenkins responded with her lights and sirens to the area of Ivy Drive. When Deputy Jenkins arrived on the scene, Kimbrough-Rucker was being called from the vehicle and then secured. Deputy Jenkins approached the vehicle on the driver's side. Crooms was lying on the ground and was being attended to by Deputy Dominguez. Deputy Jenkins observed what she believed to be a gunshot wound to Crooms' head. Deputy Jenkins moved to the passenger side of the vehicle where Deputy Santiago Miranda was checking on Pierce. Deputy Santiago Miranda stated that he could feel a pulse. Deputy Jenkins requested an AED and helped move Pierce completely away from the vehicle.

Deputy Jenkins assisted with putting on the pads of the AED. Cocoa Police Department (CPD) Officer Louis Hernandez arrived on the scene and took over CPR compressions. Deputy Jenkins moved Deputy Santiago Miranda and Deputy Hendren away from the vehicle. Deputy Jenkins remained with Deputy Santiago Miranda and Deputy Hendren and did not go back to the initial scene.

### **Deputy Paul Ring**

On November 19, 2020, SA Shephard conducted a voluntary sworn, recorded interview with BCSO Reserve Deputy Paul Ring at Eastern Florida State College, 3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Grimes. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Deputy Ring heard the call come out of "shots fired" and responded to the area of Ivy Drive and Stetson Drive. Deputy Ring approached the vehicle with other deputies made sure there were no other occupants in the vehicle. After it was determined the vehicle was clear, Deputy Ring assisted with crowd control. Sergeant Carl Sangeleer requested Deputy Ring to transport Kimbrough-Rucker to BCSO Criminal Investigative Services building. During the transport, Kimbrough-Rucker requested the windows to be rolled down. Kimbrough-Rucker "slouched" down while they were driving. Deputy Ring asked him to sit up so he could see him, Kimbrough-Rucker complied. After Kimbrough-Rucker met with BCSO personnel at CIS, Deputy Ring then drove Kimbrough-Rucker to a residence on Peachtree Street, Cocoa.

### **Sergeant Carl Sangeleer**

On November 18, 2020, SA Shephard conducted a sworn, recorded interview with BCSO Sergeant Carl Sangeleer at the BCSO's West Precinct, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Grimes. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Deputy Dominguez attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of US Highway-1 and Highway-528. The vehicle fled from the stop and Deputy Dominguez canceled the traffic stop. Based on the license plate of the vehicle, the vehicle was registered to an address on Ivy Drive in Cocoa. Arrangements were made for deputies to check the residence on Ivy Drive to confirm if the vehicle was an unreported stolen vehicle.



Sergeant Sangeleer spoke with Deputy Dominguez on the phone to make sure the traffic stop had been discontinued and requested the in-car camera from the vehicle to complete a vehicle apprehension report. Sergeant Sangeleer was in his office at BCSO West Precinct when he heard "Shots Fired" called over the radio. Sergeant Sangeleer confirmed the location of the shots fired call and drove to the location. Sergeant Sangeleer observed the Cocoa Fire Department (CFD) conducting first aid on two individuals. Crooms was on the driver's side of the vehicle and Pierce was on the passenger's side of the vehicle. Sergeant Sangeleer made contact with Deputy Hendren and Deputy Santiago Miranda.

Sergeant Sangeleer confirmed that the deputies were not injured and obtained a brief synopsis of the incident, including; crime scene location and if there were any other individuals at large. Deputy Santiago Miranda stated the vehicle drove at him and he fired at the vehicle. Sergeant Sangeleer was requested to remove a firearm that was located in Pierce's waistband. Sergeant Sangeleer photographed the firearm before CPD Officer Hernandez removed the firearm from Pierce's waistband and secured it.

### **Deputy Jason Hollman**

On November 18, 2020, SA Shephard conducted a sworn, recorded interview with BCSO Field Training Officer (FTO) Jason Holloman at the BCSO's West Precinct, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Grimes. The following is a synopsis of the interview

FTO Holloman was at the West Precinct when he was advised of a "Shots Fired" call at US-1 and Highway 528. FTO Holloman took his ride along and drove to US-1 and Highway 528. Once arriving in the area, FTO Holloman was provided with the correct location of the "Shots Fired" call at Ivy Drive. FTO Holloman arrived on the scene and assisted in moving the BCSO vehicles to allow rescue workers to leave the area and to expand the crime scene using crime scene tape. Later, FTO Holloman was directed to respond to Rockledge Regional Hospital to provide security for Crooms and Pierce. As FTO Holloman entered the Hospital, Crooms was being transported to a separate hospital by helicopter.

### **CPD Officer Louis Hernandez**

On November 13, 2020, SA Gundrum conducted a sworn, recorded interview with CPD Officer Luis Hernandez-Martin (hereinafter "Officer Hernandez") in SA Gundrum's assigned vehicle parked in the 1900 Block of Exeter Drive in Cocoa Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Minthorn. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Officer Hernandez heard over the radio a deputy-involved shooting in the area of Ivy Drive and College Avenue. Officer Hernandez and trainee Officer Kyle McNamara responded to the scene. Upon arriving, Officer Hernandez exited the patrol unit and retrieved a medic bag, while Officer McNamara retrieved his rifle.

Officer Hernandez observed a dark gray vehicle that crashed into a house. Crooms slumped over in the driver's seat. Pierce was outside the right rear passenger side of the vehicle on the ground. The male had a gunshot wound near his right collar bone and AED patches were applied to his chest.

Officer Hernandez directed Officer McNamara to conduct crowd control while he performed chest compressions on Pierce lying on the ground. Deputy Hendren told Officer Hernandez that Pierce had a gun inside of his pants. Officer Hernandez continued chest compressions until medical personnel arrived. When medical personnel arrived, Officer Hernandez and Officer McNamara cut Pierce's clothing and removed a firearm from the right hip area. The firearm was black with an attached light. Officer Hernandez made the firearm safe and handed the firearm to Sergeant Sangeleer on the scene. The remainder of Officer Hernandez's involvement was with crowd control.

Officer Hernandez was wearing a body-worn camera (BWC) and activated his BWC responding to the scene.

## **Officer Kyle McNamara**

On November 13, 2020, SA Gundrum conducted a sworn, recorded interview with CPD Officer Kyle McNamara in SA Gundrum's assigned vehicle parked in the 1900 Block of Exeter Drive in Cocoa, Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Minthorn. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Officer McNamara heard "Shots Fired" over the radio and his Field Training Officer (FTO) Hernandez directed Officer McNamara to respond to the incident location. Upon arrival, Officer McNamara grabbed his rifle and Officer Hernandez grabbed the medic bag. Four to five BCSO deputies were on the scene when Officer McNamara arrived. Officer McNamara observed Crooms in the driver seat with agonal breathing and a BCSO deputy (Deputy Dominguez) was rendering aid. Officer McNamara observed Pierce lying outside on the ground near the vehicle's right passenger side. An AED had been administered to Pierce. Officer Hernandez directed Officer McNamara to check on the well-being of Deputy Hendren and to remain with Deputy Hendren. Deputy Hendren advised Pierce had a firearm. Shortly afterward, Officer Hernandez requested Officer McNamara's assistance cutting away Pierce's clothing to retrieve the firearm. A Walter 9 mm handgun with an attached light was located under the waistband on Pierce's right side. Officer Hernandez made the firearm safe.

Officer McNamara was wearing a body-worn camera (BWC) and activated his BWC responding to the scene.

## **Civilian Interviews**

### **Jaquan Marice Kimbrough-Rucker**

On November 13, 2020, SA Lewis conducted a voluntary sworn, recorded interview with Jaquan Marice Kimbrough-Rucker (hereinafter "Kimbrough-Rucker") at the BCSO Criminal Investigation Services located at 340 Gus Hipp Blvd., Rockledge, Florida. Present during the interview was BCSO Agent Don Reynolds. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Kimbrough-Rucker met with an acquaintance he knew as "AJ" [Angelo Crooms]. The subjects interacted and the topic of obtaining some marijuana was discussed. AJ informed Kimbrough-Rucker that he could obtain marijuana from an undisclosed source and Kimbrough-Rucker entered the gray VW (hereinafter the "vehicle") driven by AJ. AJ and Kimbrough-Rucker traveled to a residence on Exeter Drive in Cocoa and picked up an acquaintance, known to Kimbrough-Rucker as "Spud," [Sincere Pierce]. Pierce went into the vehicle behind the driver's seat and the vehicle left the residence. The vehicle traveled toward Ivy Drive and turned left onto Ivy Drive. Kimbrough-Rucker noticed two marked BCSO patrol vehicles following the vehicle. Kimbrough-Rucker later said that he initially observed marked patrol vehicles in the area of the ABC Liquor Store near the intersection of Clearlake Road and Dixon Blvd.

AJ drove the vehicle to a residence on Stetson Drive and turned into the driveway. Almost immediately, AJ backed the vehicle out of the driveway and positioned the vehicle facing the intersection of Stetson Drive and Ivy Drive. Kimbrough-Rucker observed two patrol vehicles parked in the roadway facing the vehicle, in what Kimbrough-Rucker thought was an attempt to block the vehicle from exiting Stetson Drive onto Ivy Drive. Deputy Santiago Miranda and Deputy Hendren were standing in front of the patrol vehicles with their "guns raised" in the direction of the vehicle. The deputies wore uniforms and the patrol vehicles did not have their emergency lights activated. The deputies "kept yelling [at] him, telling him to stop," and as the vehicle attempted to "drive around," the deputies fired 5 to 6 rounds at the vehicle. Kimbrough-Rucker observed Deputy Santiago Miranda fire rounds but admitted he did not see Deputy Hendren fire rounds at the vehicle. Kimbrough-Rucker estimated the vehicle was going 5 to 10 miles per hour around the deputies.

Kimbrough-Rucker estimated that 8 seconds elapsed between the time the vehicle began traveling toward the deputies and when the rounds were fired. Initially, Kimbrough-Rucker reported that the vehicle

was "nowhere near" the deputies when the deputies fired rounds toward the vehicle. Kimbrough-Rucker estimated that the vehicle came within 6 feet of the deputies when the rounds were fired toward the vehicle.

Kimbrough-Rucker said AJ had the palms of his hands displayed in an open manner facing the windshield when the deputies fired at the vehicle. When questioned if the occupants of the vehicle made any statements just before the rounds being fired, Kimbrough-Rucker told AJ to drive away from the deputies and AJ responded by stating, "Sit back." When questioned about why Kimbrough-Rucker thought AJ wouldn't stop as directed, Kimbrough-Rucker assumed it was because AJ did not have a valid driver's license.

### **Cynthia Green**

On November 16, 2020, SA Gundrum and SA Deardoff conducted a sworn, recorded interview with Cynthia Green outside of her residence at 1935 Exeter Drive Cocoa, Florida. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

A vehicle pulled in front of Green's residence to pick up "Spud" Sincere Pierce, Green's son. A sixteen-year-old male known to Green as "AJ" [Angelo Crooms] was driving the vehicle. Green only knew the other male as "Doodybird" [Kimbrough-Rucker]. Pierce got into the back seat of the vehicle behind the driver. The vehicle left the residence and stopped at Exeter Drive and Ivy Drive. Green was about to leave her home when she saw a BCSO unit drive in front of her house and get behind the vehicle. The vehicle turned left on Ivy Drive and the BCSO unit followed behind it. Green decided to follow the BCSO unit. Before Green reached the stop sign at Exeter Drive and Ivy Drive, she saw another BCSO unit get behind the first BCSO unit. Green followed behind the second BCSO unit. The vehicle turned left at the intersection at Stetson Drive and Ivy Drive and then went into a driveway. The vehicle backed out as if it was going to turn around. Green believed the males in the vehicle did not know the deputies were behind them. Green turned her vehicle around at Stetson Drive and Ivy Drive and stopped facing east on Ivy Drive.

Green got out and went to the back of her vehicle. Green saw Deputy Hendren exit her patrol unit first. Deputy Hendren went to the front of the BCSO unit and pointed her firearm in the vehicle's direction. Green did not observe the emergency equipment activated on the BCSO units. Green described both of the BCSO units were in the middle of the road on Stetson Drive; however, one BCSO (SUV) unit was near the curb. Green saw Deputy Jafet Santiago exit his patrol unit and point his firearm in the vehicle's direction while issuing verbal commands. Green observed the vehicle's tires turn.

Green yelled, "Don't shoot! My baby is in there!" Deputy Santiago Miranda fired seven to eight rounds at the vehicle. Green demonstrated the rounds fired with her arm extended and hand pointed with a jerking motion. The vehicle continued to roll and struck the house. Deputy Santiago Miranda yelled, "Turn the car off; Turn the car off." Green observed Deputy Santiago Miranda and Deputy Hendren order "Doodybird" out of the vehicle and then approached the car. Green saw Deputy Santiago Miranda open the driver's front door and remove Crooms. Afterward, additional deputies and officers arrived on the scene.

### **Brook Cooper**

On November 13, 2020, SA Shephard conducted a sworn, recorded interview with Brooke Cooper at the CFD Station One, 1440 Dixon Boulevard, Cocoa, Florida. Also present during the interview was BCSO Agent Grimes. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Cooper owned a 2015 gray Volkswagen Passat, Florida license plate NWE04. Cooper gave Crooms permission to drive her vehicle on the day of the incident. Cooper was in a romantic relationship with Crooms, who spent the night at Cooper's residence the night before. Crooms drove Cooper to work, then left to go pick up Pierce from his grandmother's residence. Cooper could not provide the address of Pierce's residence but believed it was in the area of Ivy Drive. Cooper was unaware there was a third

person in her vehicle. Cooper was aware that Crooms and Pierce had encounters with law enforcement before this incident. Cooper knew Crooms and Pierce carry firearms with them but did not believe that Crooms had his firearm with him after he drove her to work. Cooper could not provide any further information in regards to the use of force.

### **Leon Newsome**

On November 13, 2020, SA Shephard and BCSO Agent Grimes met with Leon Newsome at his residence, 1926 Ivy Drive, Cocoa, Florida. At the time of the interview, there were multiple people in the area of Newsome's residence and a formal interview was not completed. A digital recording was created. The following is a synopsis of the interview.

Newsome owned a 2015 Silver Volkswagen Passat, Florida license plate NWE22. His daughter, Kiara Newsome attempted to report his vehicle stolen previously during the day. Newsome found this to be suspicious and attempted to question his daughter about where his vehicle was. Kiara Newsome stated the vehicle had been stolen from the driveway but did not want to press charges against whoever stole the vehicle. Newsome stated that Dominique with a possible last name of Brown had his vehicle and ran from law enforcement earlier in the day. Newsome located his vehicle in the area of 800 Fiske Boulevard, Cocoa, and returned it to his residence.

### **Neighborhood Canvas**

FDLE agents conducted a neighborhood canvass of the residences in the area where the incident occurred. The residents did not witness the use of force incident or did not answer the door. The following residences were included in the canvass:

#### **Ivy Drive**

<b>1910</b>	<b>1934</b>
<b>1913</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>1917</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>1918</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>1922</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>1926</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>1930</b>	<b>2017</b>

#### **Stetson Drive**

<b>1301</b>	<b>1401</b>
<b>1302</b>	<b>1405</b>
<b>1305</b>	<b>1406</b>
<b>1306</b>	<b>1409</b>
<b>1310</b>	<b>1412</b>

### **Crime Scene and Evidence Summary**

BCSO Crime Scene Reports authored by Crime Scene Investigators (CSI) Conrad Schneider, Stephanie Haas, Phillip Miranda, Mercedys Kroom, Faith Adkins, and Jenna Gardner detailed their involvement in this case. The following is a synopsis of the reports.

#### **CSI Schneider report detailed:**

- Photographing crime scene
- Collection of the following items: JK1, JK1A, CS1-CS14, CS17.
- Downloaded Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Photographing and Collection of items of evidence from vehicle, items PM A-J.
- FARO scans and measurements of the vehicle
- Photographing and collection of Walther PK380 .380 handgun Serial# WB085799 and items CS15-CS15C.

- Photographing and collection of SCCY CPX-1 9mm handgun Serial# 565394 and items CS16-CS16C.
- Processing of handgun Walter PK380 .380 handgun and SCCY CPX-1 handgun and collection of items SW1-SW5.
- Photographing DVR in Deputy Santiago Miranda's vehicle
- Measurement of the window tent in vehicle

**CSI Haas report detailed:**

- Analysis and Processing of the vehicle

**CSI Miranda report detailed:**

- Photographing of Deputy Carson Hendren
- Photographing of Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda
- Photographing and collection of Walther PPQ 9mm handgun Serial FCU9480 and items PJ1-PJ2.
- Photographing of Jaquan Marice Krimbrough-Rucker and collection of buccal swabs

**CSI Kroom report detailed:**

- Assisted with the processing of crime scene and evidence collection

**CSI Adkins report detailed:**

- Photographing of Angelo Crooms and the collection of items FA1-FA10.
- Photographing of Sincere Pierce
- Photographing and collection of evidence at the Medical Examiner's Office items ME1-ME35.

**CSI Gardner report detailed:**

- FARO scans and measurements at crime scene
- Assisted with photographing and collection at the Medical Examiner's Office

**Deputy Firearm Seizure and Round Count**

**Deputy Santiago Miranda's handgun:** Walther, Model PPQ, 9mm, serial number FCV9480.

The fifteen round capacity magazine located inside the handgun contained five live rounds and one live round in the chamber of the handgun. Deputy Santiago Miranda topped off the magazine and chambered an additional round in the handgun, for a total of sixteen rounds. Both spare fifteen round capacity magazines were filled to capacity. The handgun and ammunition were photographed and sealed in evidence boxes. Deputy Santiago Miranda fired ten rounds.

**Deputy Hendren's handgun:** Walther, Model PPQ, 9mm semi-automatic, serial number FCV0626.

The fifteen round capacity magazine located inside the handgun contained fifteen live rounds and one live round in the chamber of the handgun. Deputy Hendren topped off the magazine and chambered an additional round in the handgun, for a total of sixteen rounds. Both spare fifteen round capacity magazines were filled to capacity. The handgun and ammunition were photographed.

**Firearms Laboratory Report**

BCSO CSI collected the following items of evidence, which were submitted to the FDLE Crime Laboratory for analysis. Senior Crime Laboratory Analyst (SCLA) Elissa McLaughlin examined and obtained results from the above-listed items that were submitted to the FDLE lab:

**EVIDENCE**

FDLE Item#	FDLE Exhibit#	BCSO Marker#	Description
1	LG1	PJ1	One 9mm Luger caliber Walther model PPQ semiautomatic pistol with serial number #FCU9480 and one magazine.
2	LG2	PJ1A	Five 9mm Luger caliber cartridges

3	LG14	CS15	One 380 Auto Caliber Walther model PK380 semiautomatic pistol with serial number WB085799 and one magazine
4	LG15	CS15A	One 380 auto caliber cartridge (not further examined)
5	LG16	CS15C	Four 380 auto caliber cartridges (not further examined)
6	LG17	CS16	One 9mm Luger caliber SCCY Industries model CPX-1 semiautomatic pistol with a partial obliterated serial number and one magazine
7	LG18	CS16B	Six 9mm Luger caliber cartridges (not further examined)
16	LG28	ME16	One fired bullet
17	LG29	ME34	One fired bullet
18	LG30	ME33	One fired bullet

## **RESULTS-Firearms**

Item 1, Item 2	<p>The pistol was test fired using the submitted magazine and three of the Item 2 cartridges and was found to be functional.</p> <p>The remaining cartridges were not further examined.</p>
Item 3	<p>The pistol was test fired using the submitted magazine and was found to be functional.</p> <p>Images of the cartridge were fired in the pistol were entered in and compared to NIBIN. No protentional associations were made at this time.</p>
Item 6	<p>The pistol was test fired using the submitted magazine and was found to be functional.</p> <p>Images of a cartridge case fired in the pistol were entered in and compared to NIBIN. No potential associations were made at this time.</p> <p>A serial number restoration was attempted on the pistol using chemical etching techniques. The serial number was restored to read <u>565394</u>. The fourth character appears to be a 3.</p>

## **Projectiles**

Item 16	<p>The bullet was Inconclusive (+) to the Item 1 pistol.</p> <p>The bullet was Eliminated to the Item 3 and Item 6 pistols based on a difference in class characteristics.</p>
Item 17, Item 18	The bullets were Identified to the Item 1 pistol.



## **Video Analysis**

Copies of BCSO in-car cameras, CPD body-worn cameras (BWC), and additional video gathered during the investigation related to the use of force incident were obtained and reviewed. The following is a synopsis of each video file but not inclusive of the entire video. The time reflected is the elapsed time of the recording.

### **BCSO In-Car Camera-Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda**

The camera captured Deputy Hendren turn on Exeter Drive as Deputy Santiago Miranda continued and turned left on Ivy Drive. The camera captured the Volkswagen turn left on Ivy Drive along with Deputy Hendren following behind the Volkswagen. At 00:50, the Volkswagen made a left turn on Stetson Drive. At 00:54, the Volkswagen pulled into the driveway of 1302 Stetson Drive. At 00:59, the Volkswagen began to back out of the driveway and Deputy Hendren exited her patrol unit. At 01:03, the Volkswagen backed out into the street. Deputy Hendren with her firearm drawn, pointed in the direction of the Volkswagen. At 01:08, the Volkswagen stopped in the roadway facing in the direction of the BCSO patrol units. An audio recording captured Deputy Santiago Miranda shouting, "Stop the vehicle! Stop the vehicle!" At 01:10, the Volkswagen went forward in the direction of the BCSO patrol units, then stopped. An audio recording captured Deputy Santiago Miranda shouting, "Stop the vehicle!" At 01:16, the Volkswagen backed up, stopped, and turned the front tires. Deputy Santiago Miranda entered the view of the camera with his firearm pointed in the direction of the Volkswagen. At 01:19, the Volkswagen traveled forward, Deputy Santiago Miranda fired shots at the Volkswagen.

### **File labeled: MA2 Video\_From\_Explorer**

The video files were from Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda's in-car camera. The recording was the entire recording of Deputy Santiago Miranda's patrol activity before and after the use of force incident. The video files included recordings of the rear camera view of the secured rear passenger area of Deputy Santiago Miranda's patrol unit.

### **File labeled: Traffic Stop 11 13 2020**

The video file was a recording from Deputy Ezra Dominguez's in-car camera. The recording captured the attempted traffic stop conducted by Deputy Dominguez.

### **CPD BWC Officer Kyle McNamara**

The BWC recording of Cocoa Police Department (CPD) Officer Kyle McNamara was after the use of force incident. The camera captured first aid being rendered to Sincere Pierce, the removal of a firearm from Sincere Pierce, and crime scene security.

### **CPD BWC Officer Louis Hernandez**

The BWC recording of CPD Officer Luis Hernandez was after the use of force incident. The camera captured Officer Hernandez rendering aid to Sincere Pierce, the removal of a firearm from Sincere Pierce, and contact with the resident at 1301 Stetson Drive.

### **CPD BWC Officer Trevor Denham**

The BWC recording of CPD Officer Trevor Denham was after the use of force incident. The camera captured Officer Denham assisting with crime scene activities.

### **CPD BWC Officer Rickford Leitch**

The BWC recording of CPD Officer Rickford Leitch was after the use of force incident. The camera captured Officer Leitch assisting with crime scene activities.

### **CPD BWC Officer Christopher Zuniga**

The BWC recording of a CPD Officer Christopher Zuniga was after the use of force incident. The camera captured Officer Zuniga assisting with crime scene activities.



**CPD BWC Officer Charis Holland**

The BWC of CPD Officer Charis Holland was after the use of force incident. The BWC recording captured Officer Holland assisting with crime scene activities.

**CPD BWC Recovery of Stolen Vehicle**

File labeled: Axon\_Body\_3\_Video\_2020-11-13\_1236"

File labeled: Axon\_Body\_3\_Video\_2020-11-13\_1243

File labeled: Item\_#\_GT1\_CPD\_Body\_Camera\_Footage\_of\_recovery\_of\_stolen\_vehicle."

File labeled: Item\_#\_GT2\_CPD\_Body\_Camera\_Footage\_of\_stolen\_vehicle\_TOT\_owner"

**Neighborhood Canvas Video**

A Ring video recording was recovered and the camera view captured the driveway of Ivy Drive in front of the residence at 1917 Ivy Drive. The video did not capture the use of force incident. At 00:11, the audio recording captured a shot fired.

**Cynthia Green Ring Video**

The Ring doorbell video from Cynthia Green's residence captured Pierce getting into the passenger seat behind the driver of the vehicle at 1032 hours.

**1301 Stetson Drive Video**

Video is taken from a cell phone by a resident at 1301 Stetson Drive. The video depicted deputies and rescue personnel at the scene after the use of force incident.

**Enhanced Video-Jafet Sandiago Miranda in-car camera**

On November 23, 2020, SA Gundrum received the FDLE Audio-Video Laboratory Report and enhanced video. The enhanced video file depicted the first shot was fired at 01:29 and the last shot fired was 04:08. The times reflect the elapsed time of the enhanced video timer.

<b>Witnesses</b>
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**Law Enforcement Witnesses**

<b>Florida Department of Law Enforcement</b> <b>500 West Robinson Street Orlando, Florida 32801 – (407) 245-0888</b>	
♦ RAC Jason Kriegsmann	♦ SA Ryan Bliss
♦ SA Lisa Gundrum	♦ SA Christopher Deardoff
♦ SA Scott Ratliff	♦ SA Brad Lewis
♦ SA Chris Shepherd	

  

<b>Brevard County Sheriff Office</b> <b>700 S Park Avenue Titusville, Florida 32780 – (321) 264-5201</b>	
♦ Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda	♦ Deputy Christina Jenkins
♦ Deputy Carson Hendren	♦ Deputy Paul Ring
♦ Deputy Ezra Dominguez	♦ Deputy Jason Holloman
♦ Sergeant Carl Sangeleer	

  

<b>Cocoa Police Department</b> <b>1226 West King Street Cocoa, Florida 32922 – (321) 639-7620</b>	
♦ Officer Louis Hernandez	♦ Officer Kyle McNamara



### Civilian Witnesses

Name	Address
Stephen Murphee	1910 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Michele Lamontagne	1913 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Virginia Dejesus	1917 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Lauen E. Lux	1918 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Aida L. Redding	1920 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Eugene Smith	1926 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Shannon Wilkens	1934 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Teresa Wilkens	1934 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Terri Hancock	1934 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Connie Conners	2006 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Jason Quinn	2014 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Suzanne Price	2017 Ivy Drive Cocoa, Florida
Sandra Dix	1301 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Jeff Cordova	1302 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Denise Porter	1306 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Sean McDonel/Jennifer McDonel	1310 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Barbara Griffith	1309 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Jeannette Guindon	1305 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Kristen Franklin	1405 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Dylan Mutter	1406 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Janet Thigpen	1409 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida
Darrell Freshwater	1412 Stetson Drive Cocoa, Florida

### **Medical Examiner Report**

Special Agent (SA) Lisa Gundrum received the Brevard County Medical Examiner autopsy reports from the Office of the Medical Examiner, Eighteenth District-Brevard County.

The following is a summary of the autopsy report of **Sincere Pierce** (Case #ME A-20-0972), prepared by the District Medical Examiner Sajid Qaiser, M.D. FCAP, FRCPC.

**Name of Deceased:** Sincere Pierce

**Place of Residence:** 1925 Exeter Drive  
Cocoa, Florida 32922

**Place of Death:** Rockledge Regional Medical Center  
Rockledge, Florida 32922

**Date and time of Death:** 11/13/2020 @ 1136 hours

**Date and time of autopsy:** 11/18/2020 @ 0910 hours

**Age:** 18

**Race:** B

**Sex:** M

**Cause of Death:** Gunshot wound of right upper chest

**Manner of Death:** Homicide

**Autopsy Findings:**

- I. Single indeterminate range, penetrating gunshot wound of right upper anterior chest.
2. Other wounds.
3. Evidence of therapeutic intervention.
4. Negative COVID-19 virus test.

Samples from iliac (1), heart (4), bile, urine, and vitreous were submitted to Steward Reference Laboratory for toxicology testing. The Steward Reference Laboratory Report dated December 29, 2020 resulted in the positive findings for cannabinoids substances.

The following is a summary of the autopsy report of **Angelo Crooms** (Case #ME A-20-0974), prepared by the District Medical Examiner Sajid Qaiser, M.D. FCAP, FRCPC.

**Name of Deceased:** Angelo Crooms

**Place of Residence:** 1050 N. Fiske Blvd. #606  
Cocoa, Florida 32922

**Place of Death:** Holmes Regional Medical Center  
Melbourne, Florida 32901

**Date and time of Death:** 11/13/2020 @ 1017

**Date and time of autopsy:** 11/18/2020 @ 0930

**Age:** 16

**Race:** B

**Sex:** M

**Cause of Death:** Multiple gunshot wounds

**Manner of Death:** Homicide

**Autopsy Findings:**

- I. Multiple (3) gunshot wounds
  - 1.1-Two gunshot wounds, penetrating and one gunshot wound, graze.
  - 1.2-All gunshot wounds of indeterminate range.
  - 1.3-Gunshot wound to head, fatal.
  - 1.4-Retrieval of two jacketed bullets from body.
2. Other wounds
3. Evidence of therapeutic intervention.
4. Negative COVID-19 virus test.

Samples from iliac blood, bile, urine, and vitreous were submitted to Steward Reference Laboratory for toxicology testing. The Steward Reference Laboratory Report printed on December 29, 2020 resulted in the positive findings for cannabinoids substances.

## Conclusion

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has completed a comprehensive investigation into the use of force by Brevard County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda. This presentation of facts is based on law enforcement witnesses, civilian witnesses, video surveillance, and physical evidence. FDLE submits this investigative summary to the Office of the State Attorney for the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit for their review and disposition.

## Notarizations

I swear the foregoing is true and correct

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED  
This 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021



Special Agent Lisa Gundrum  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Brevard Field Office



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