

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

This report is predicated on an investigation into an incident at the Southern Detention Facility on January 25, 2026, in which Correctional Risk Services (CRS) employees utilized force on a detainee.

On January 25, 2026 at 1854 hours, FDLE Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Greg Monk was contacted by Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Safety Officer David Knowles who requested that SAS Monk respond to the offices of GardaWorld to review an incident captured on surveillance video earlier in the day.

SAS Monk responded to the GardaWorld offices where he met with FDLE Special Agent (SA) Daniel Dominguez, Knowles and CRS Supervisor Domingo Stewart. GardaWorld personnel were also present for the purpose of playing the video. Several video clips were then presented which depicted the use of force on detainee [REDACTED] inside the facility beginning at approximately 1353 hours on January 25, 2026.

In a preliminary viewing of the videos, Agents learned that security officers from CRS engaged in a use of force on Detainee [REDACTED] while removing him from a holding area that afternoon. In the videos, CRS employees were attempting to calm down a group of detainees sitting on benches. [REDACTED] who was secured with handcuffs and leg restraints, had been banging his handcuff chain on the metal bench along with the other detainees. After the CRS employees were able to get all of the other detainees to stop banging on the benches, [REDACTED] began doing it again. This drew the attention of CRS Security Officers Andree Seenaraine and Stephen Trejos. Seenaraine briefly started addressing [REDACTED] before being joined by Trejos who quickly walked towards [REDACTED] and Seenaraine. The security officers removed [REDACTED] from the bench with each guard placing their hands under his armpits in an attempt to transport him. As they were walking out of the area, Trejos punched [REDACTED] on the side of the head. Both guards then took [REDACTED] to the ground where Seenaraine attempted to gain control of him as he curled up. While attempting to gain control, Seenaraine punched [REDACTED] two more times. Seenaraine then moved [REDACTED] out a door leading to a deck outside the facility. While on the deck, Seenaraine punched [REDACTED] one time on the back of the head while attempting to gain control of him. Seenaraine was then joined by Security Officer Mingo Humes who began transporting [REDACTED] outside away from the facility. As they were walking Seenaraine punched [REDACTED] two times consecutively on the side of the head. A further

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Author: Monk-2675	Office: Sarasota
Activity Start Date: 01/25/2026	Activity End Date:01/26/2026
Approved By: Maurer-2834	

Description:Initial Complaint

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and more detailed analysis of all the video provided will be detailed in a subsequent investigative report.

After viewing the video, SAS Monk, SA Dominguez, Safety Officer Knowles and CRS Supervisor Stewart met briefly in a GuardaWorld Office. Stewart explained that he viewed the security officer's actions as appropriate and justified and that CRS would be doing a report of the incident which CRS would turn over to FDLE when complete. Stewart added that the security officers were spit on and bit by [REDACTED] during the incident. Based on the preliminary viewing of the video, the accuracy of the fact that [REDACTED] bit and spit on the security officers was inconclusive at that time. It was also learned that [REDACTED] was flown out of the facility that afternoon prior to FDEM and FDLE being notified. The flight had been arranged to transfer him and other inmates out of the facility prior to the incident.

SAS Monk and SA Dominguez departed and briefed FDLE Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Tracy Maurer on the known information. It was decided that FDLE would conduct an investigation into the incident.

On January 25, 2026, SA Dominguez provided GuardaWorld with a thumb drive to obtain video clips deemed pertinent to the incident. The clips were placed on the thumb drive and provided to SA Dominguez.

The original video will be maintained by GuardaWorld. SA Dominguez obtained an FDLE property receipt form detailing the receipt of the videos and thumb drive from Guarda World. SA Dominguez provided the thumb drive and property receipt to SAS Monk on January 26, 2026.

In total, seven video clips and two still images were provided on the thumb drive. The videos were .mp4 files and were labeled:

[REDACTED]	00900 1-25-2026, 1.53.03pm EST - 1-25-2026, 1.53.36pm EST
[REDACTED]	00901 1-25-2026, 1.53.47pm EST - 1-25-2026, 1.55.03pm EST
[REDACTED]	00908 1-25-2026, 1.47.56pm EST - 1-25-2026, 1.54.26pm EST
[REDACTED]	100909 1-25-2026, 1.53.02pm EST - 1-25-2026, 1.54.30pm EST
[REDACTED]	1-25-2026, 1.54.47pm EST - 1-25-2026, 1.55.19pm EST
[REDACTED]	1-25-2026, 1.54.42pm EST - 1-25-2026, 1.55.00pm EST
[REDACTED]	1-25-2026, 1.54.13pm EST - 1-25-2026, 1.54.44pm EST

The still images were .jpg files and were labeled:

[REDACTED]	1-25-2026, 1.54.31pm EST
[REDACTED]	1-25-2026, 1.54.44pm EST

SA Dominguez also obtained an email sent from Safety Officer Knowles to FDEM Incident Commander Timothy Reardon detailing his actions.

The following items are being maintained in related items:

- Thumb drive containing video and images of incident provided by GuardaWorld
- Property Receipt showing the transfer of video from GuardaWorld to SA Dominguez
- Email from David Knowles to Tim Reardon.

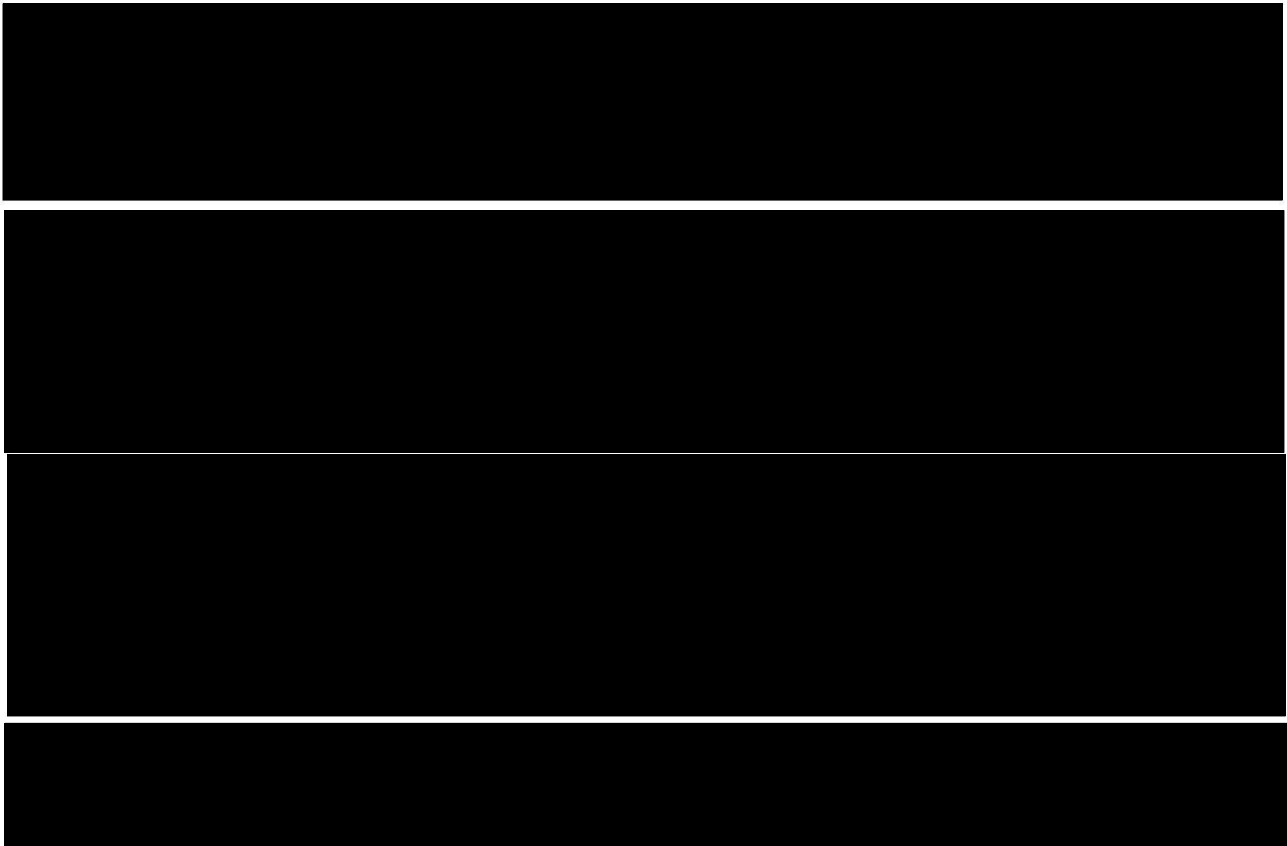
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On Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at approximately 1750 hours, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent (SA) Daniel Dominguez met with CRS Assistant Warden Domingo Stewart to receive a paper copy of the CRS After Action Report.

Below is a general, non-comprehensive overview of the medical documentation contained in the report. Refer to the report for details.



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Author: Dominguez-4936	Office: Miami
Activity Start Date: 01/27/2026	Activity End Date: 01/27/2026
Approved By: Wagner-1606	

Description: CRS Report - Medical documentation review

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On Monday, February 2nd 2026, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent (SA) Richard Munnelly and SA Bryan Estevez traveled to El Paso, Texas, for the purpose of conducting an interview with detainee [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported that he had been assaulted by several guards while detained at the Southern Detention Facility, also referred to as "Alligator Alcatraz," located at 54575 Tamiami Trail E., Ochopee, Florida 34141, where he had been held pending deportation proceedings. A request was made to make [REDACTED] available for an interview.

On Tuesday, February 3rd 2026, at approximately 0900 hours, SA Munnelly and SA Estevez arrived at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) El Paso Field Office, located at Camp East Montana, 6920 Digital Road, El Paso, Texas 79936. Upon arrival, SA Munnelly and SA Estevez met with detainee [REDACTED], introduced themselves, and presented their FDLE credentials. [REDACTED] was advised that the purpose of this meeting was to conduct an interview and obtain a sworn, audio-recorded statement regarding the reported assault that allegedly occurred at the Southern Detention Facility. At approximately 0916 hours, SA Munnelly administered an oath to [REDACTED] and began the interview in designated interview room one (1) within the facility. SA Estevez assisted by translating the interview questions from English into Spanish. The interview lasted approximately forty-five (45) minutes.

Interview Summary

[REDACTED] stated that while awaiting deportation in the outbound tent area, he was seated on a bench and restrained by a waist chain with handcuffs and leg shackles. [REDACTED] alleged that he was assaulted by Captain Stephen Jordan Trejos and an individual he identified as a Lieutenant (name unknown).

[REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] that he was struck multiple times in the face, back of the head, torso, and abdomen. [REDACTED] stated that he began bleeding from his nose and pretended to lose consciousness in an attempt

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Author: Estevez-5282	Office: Miami
Activity Start Date: 01/25/2026	Activity End Date: 02/03/2026
Approved By: Wagner-1606	

Description: Interview of Detainee [REDACTED]

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to stop the assault after being forced onto the ground.

According to [REDACTED] he was subsequently transported to medical staff for evaluation of his injuries. [REDACTED] further stated that the Lieutenant approached him from behind and whispered that if he reported the assault, the Lieutenant would continue to assault him. [REDACTED] reported that after receiving medical attention, Captain Trejos and the unidentified Lieutenant escorted him to an airplane for transport. [REDACTED] stated the individuals laughed at him and referenced injuries to his face. [REDACTED] advised that while boarding the aircraft he informed a guard on the plane that Captain Trejos and the Lieutenant had assaulted him prior to transport and was later transported to a detention facility in El Paso, Texas. At the conclusion of the interview, SA Munnely thanked [REDACTED] for providing the statement and informed him that the incident was under criminal investigation.

Investigators have not located information confirming the presence or identity of an individual holding the rank of Lieutenant at the Southern Detention Facility as described by [REDACTED].

The interview concluded at approximately 1001 hours.

A compact disc (CD) containing the audio recording of the interview will be maintained as related evidence under INV-4.

Nothing further to report.

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On Thursday, January 29, 2026, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent (SA) Richard Munnelly initiated a review of all videos secured from the incident. In total, there were seven (7) video recordings that contained material of potential evidentiary value, where use of force was utilized on a detainee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Author: Munnelly-4951	Office: Ft. Myers
Activity Start Date: 01/28/2026	Activity End Date:02/19/2026
Approved By: Wagner-1606	

Description:Southern Detention Facility - Security Video Review

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13:54:41 Detainee [REDACTED] secured inside intake tent

For further details regarding the sequence of events that occurred during this use of force incident, revert to an electronic copy of the Video Timeline spreadsheet that is related to this investigative report, INV-16.

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- A horizontal bar chart with 12 bars, each preceded by a bullet point. The bars represent the percentage of respondents who believe the U.S. should take action to address climate change. The bars are grouped by age group (18-29, 30-49, 50-69, 70+) and gender (Male, Female). The bars are black and set against a white background. The lengths of the bars vary, with the longest bar representing the 18-29 age group (approximately 95%) and the shortest bar representing the 70+ age group (approximately 35%).
- | Age Group | Gender | Percentage |
|-----------|--------|------------|
| 18-29 | Male | 95% |
| | Female | 85% |
| 30-49 | Male | 92% |
| | Female | 98% |
| 50-69 | Male | 88% |
| | Female | 92% |
| 70+ | Male | 35% |
| | Female | 95% |
| 18-29 | Male | 95% |
| | Female | 88% |
| 30-49 | Male | 92% |
| | Female | 98% |
| 50-69 | Male | 88% |
| | Female | 92% |
| 70+ | Male | 35% |
| | Female | 95% |

Description: Interview - CRS Detention Officer STEPHEN TREJOS

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Nothing further to report.



A copy of the incident report received from CRS Assistant Warden Domingo Stewart, filed by CRS Captain STEPHEN TREJOS will be maintained electronically, and attached to this report under INV-18.

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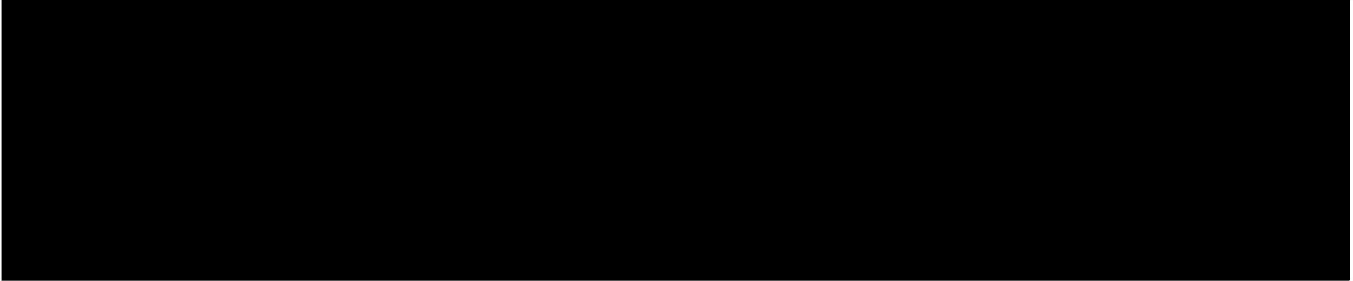
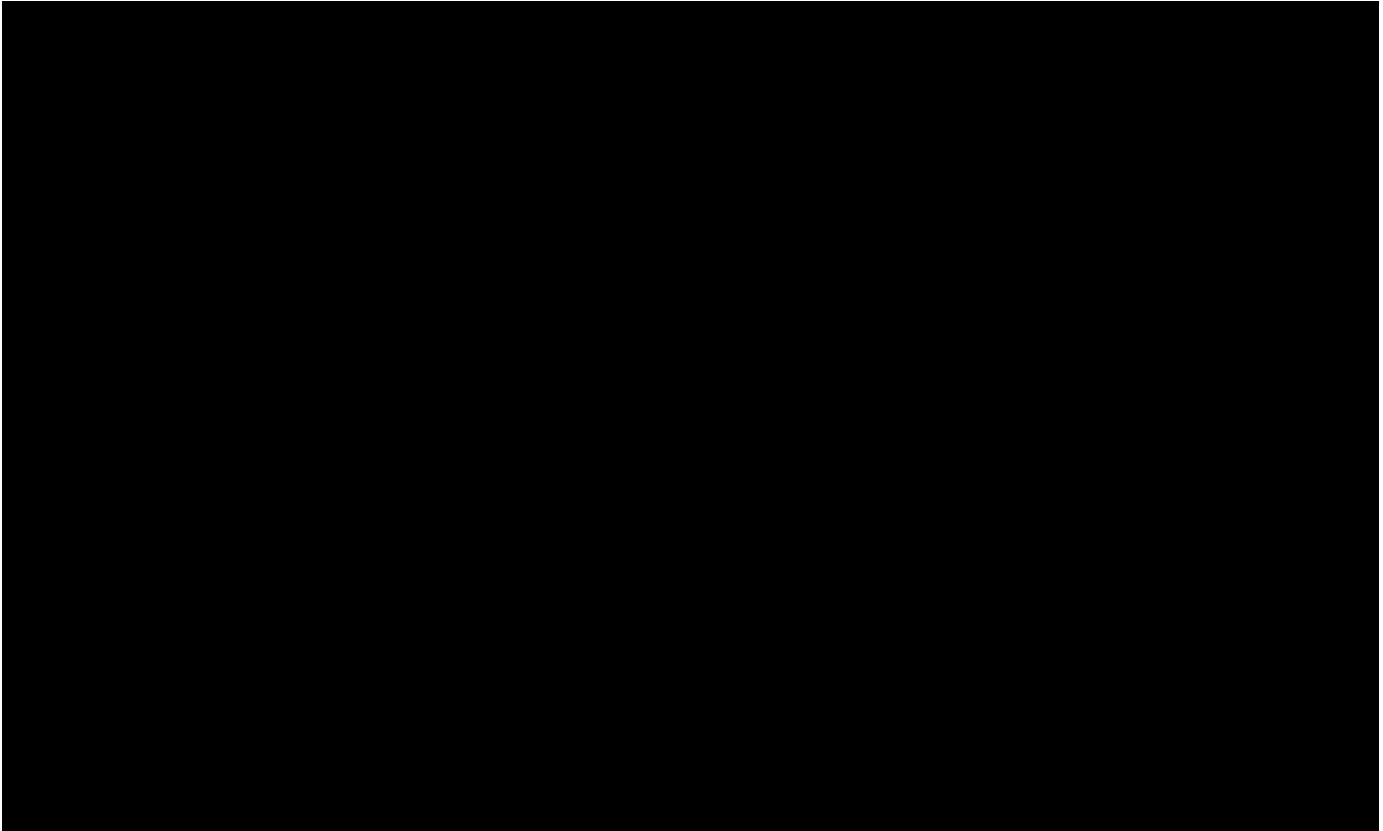
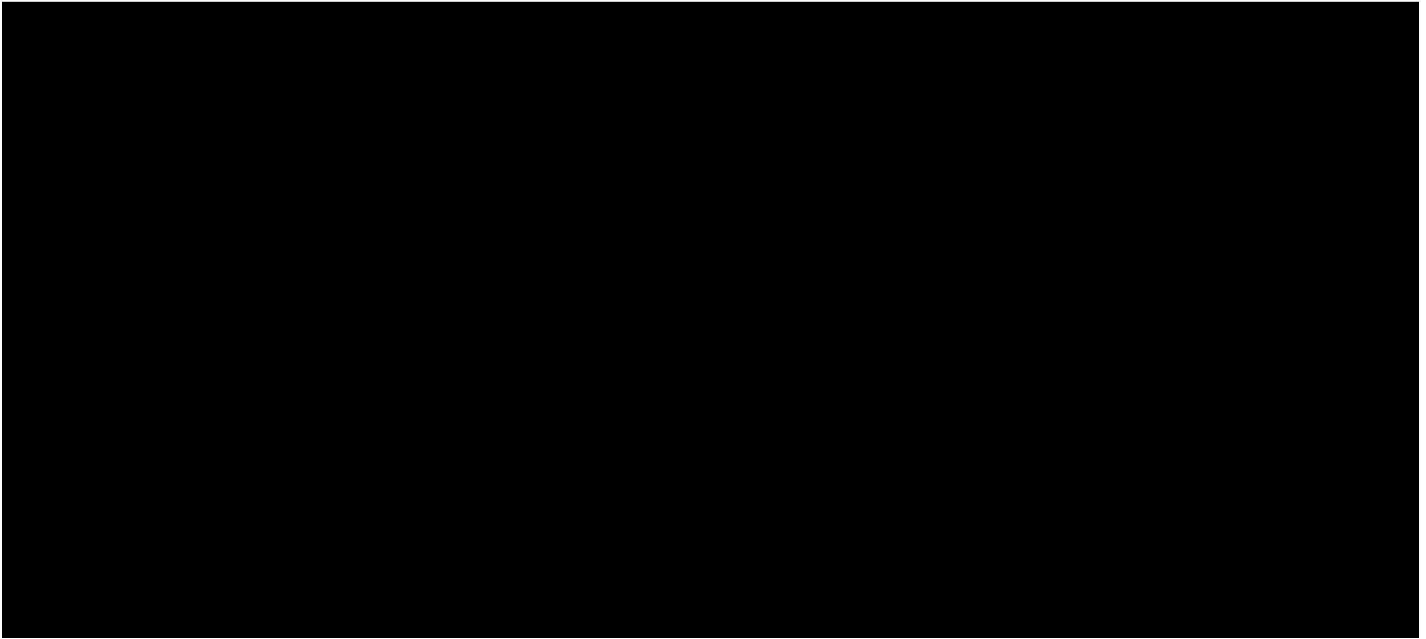
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- A horizontal bar chart with 12 rows, each representing a demographic group. Each row contains two black bars. The top bar in each row represents the percentage of respondents who believe the U.S. should take action to address climate change, while the bottom bar represents the percentage who do not believe it should. The groups are defined by gender and age:
- All respondents
 - Male
 - Female
 - 18-29
 - 30-49
 - 50-69
 - 70+
 - White
 - Black
 - Hispanic
 - Asian
 - Pacific Islander
- The chart shows that across all groups, a majority of respondents believe the U.S. should take action to address climate change. The percentage of respondents who believe the U.S. should take action is highest among the 18-29 age group (approximately 85%) and lowest among the 70+ age group (approximately 75%). The percentage of respondents who do not believe the U.S. should take action is highest among the 70+ age group (approximately 25%) and lowest among the 18-29 age group (approximately 15%).

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Description: Interview - CRS Detention Officer ANDRE SEENARAIN

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A copy of the incident report, filed by Detention Officer ANDRE SEENARAINÉ, will be maintained electronically, and attached to this investigative report under INV-17.

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At approximately 0951 hrs., SA Munnelly read the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Use of Force Incident, Interview Preparation Statement. [REDACTED] was made aware that this voluntary interview was being conducted as part of a criminal investigation and is not an Internal Affairs administrative statement. [REDACTED] understood and agreed to answer questions. [REDACTED] stated that he has been employed by the FDC for approximately six (6) years and normally works at the Everglades Correctional Facility. He was assigned as a Relief Officer, and his role at the Southern Detention Facility was to observe operations. [REDACTED] stated he did not review any video of the incident prior and was unaware that a use of force incident took place. He was made aware of it later that afternoon when his Assistant Warden contacted him to inquire about his involvement. At the time of the incident, [REDACTED] was posted inside the intake tent when his supervisor, [REDACTED] heard a disturbance in the direction of the outbound tent. [REDACTED] and his supervisor responded to the area of the outbound tent. Upon arrival, [REDACTED] stated that all the detainees were standing up and chanting, banging their chains on the benches. [REDACTED] also stated that the detainees were complaining about being in restraints for approximately five (5) hours, with no water. The restraints consist of a waist chain with handcuffs, and leg shackles and chain. [REDACTED] along with other Officers, gave loud verbal commands which settled the group down. One detainee started to act up, and the captain ordered him to be removed. [REDACTED] did not observe any use of force. The only physical contact he observed was when the Detention Officers physically removed the detainee from the bench. As soon as that happened, the detainees became unruly. [REDACTED] positioned himself to observe the crowd and contain the group. He had his back facing in the direction of where the initial detainee was being removed. [REDACTED] concluded by stating that he was unaware that a use of force incident occurred. The interview concluded at 1002 hrs.

A CD containing the audio recording of the interview will be maintained as a Related Item, INV-7

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Author: Munnelly-4951	Office: Ft. Myers
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Description: Interview - Florida Department of Corrections [REDACTED]

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At approximately 1005 hrs., SA Munnelly read the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Use of Force Incident, Interview Preparation Statement. [REDACTED] was made aware that this voluntary interview was being conducted as part of a criminal investigation and is not an Internal Affairs administrative statement. [REDACTED] understood and agreed to answer questions. [REDACTED] stated that he has been employed by the FDC for approximately twenty-one (21) years. [REDACTED] stated he did not review any video of the incident prior, nor did he speak with anyone about it until he was made aware of it later that afternoon, when his Assistant Warden contacted him to inquire about his involvement. At the time of the incident, [REDACTED] was inside the intake tent when he heard shouting and yelling from the outbound. [REDACTED] responded to the area with Sergeant [REDACTED] and saw that all the detainees were standing up and yelling. [REDACTED] and other officers in the area, immediately began to calm the group down. [REDACTED] was unaware of any of the other Officer's names and was only able to identify one of them as a Captain, by the color of his shirt and rank designation embroidered on it. CRS began to escort one (1) detainee out and the entire group became unruly. [REDACTED] stated he witnessed said detainee resist by pushing back at the officers, and the only physical force used was to remove and escort the detainee out of the area towards the back of the tent. There were approximately twenty (20) to thirty (30) detainees in the area. [REDACTED] further stated that once the group became unruly again, he transitioned into controlling the crowd to prevent them from surrounding him.

The interview concluded at 1014 hrs.

(1) CD containing the audio recording of the interview will be maintained as a Related Item, INV-8

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Description: Interview - Florida Department of Corrections [REDACTED]

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At approximately 1020 hrs., SA Munnelly read the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Use of Force Incident, and Interview Preparation Statement. ZEIGLER was made aware that this voluntary interview was being conducted as part of a criminal investigation and is not an Internal Affairs administrative statement. ZEIGLER declined to participate and answer further questions.

The interview concluded at 1021

A CD containing the audio recording file of the interview will be maintained as a Related Item, INV-10

Nothing further to report.

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Author: Munnelly-4951	Office: Ft. Myers
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Description: Interview - CRS Detention Officer BRIAN ZEIGLER

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At approximately 1023 hrs., SA Munnely read the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Use of Force Incident, and Interview Preparation Statement. HUMES was made aware that this voluntary interview was being conducted as part of a criminal investigation and is not an Internal Affairs administrative statement. HUMES declined to participate and answer further questions.

The interview concluded at 1025 hrs.

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Author: Munnely-4951	Office: Ft. Myers
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Description: Interview - CRS Detention Officer MINGO HUMES

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At approximately 1027 hrs., SA Munnelly read the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Use of Force Incident, and Interview Preparation Statement. RUIZ-DIAZ was made aware that this voluntary interview was being conducted as part of a criminal investigation and is not an Internal Affairs administrative statement. RUIZ-DIAZ declined to participate and answer further questions.

The interview concluded at 1029 hrs.

A CD containing an audio file for the interview will be maintained as a Related Item, INV-12

Nothing further to report.

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Author: Munnelly-4951	Office: Ft. Myers
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Description: Interview - CRS Detention Officer EMILIANO RUIZ-DIAZ

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At approximately 1030 hrs., SA Munnelly read the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Use of Force Incident, and Interview Preparation Statement. BOSCH was made aware that this voluntary interview was being conducted as part of a criminal investigation and is not an Internal Affairs administrative statement. BOSCH initially supplied answers to a few basic pedigree information questions, such as where you currently work, what is the name of the company you work for, and how long have you worked there? SA Munnelly then asked if he was working and performing the duties of a Detention Officer on the date of the incident? This was the point of refusal to cooperate, where BOSCH declined to participate and answer any further questions.

The interview concluded at 1033 hrs.

A CD containing an audio file for the interview will be maintained as a Related Item, INV-13

Nothing further to report.

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Author: Munnelly-4951	Office: Ft. Myers
Activity Start Date: 01/30/2026	Activity End Date:01/30/2026
Approved By: Wagner-1606	

Description: Interview - CRS Detention Officer GABRIEL BOSCH

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At approximately 1034 hrs., SA Munnelly read the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Use of Force Incident, and Interview Preparation Statement. MEJIA was made aware that this voluntary interview was being conducted as part of a criminal investigation and is not an Internal Affairs administrative statement. MEJIA understood and agreed to answer questions. MEJIA stated that he has been employed by CRS for approximately 5-6 months. Prior to this voluntary interview, MEJIA claimed he did not have the opportunity to review any video recordings of the incident. On the date and time of the event, MEJIA stated that he was working "Alpha" shift, from 0700-1900 hrs., and was assuming the role of Acting Lieutenant. He recalled that it was a very busy day and he was in the intake tent preparing for an outbound flight of 105 detainees. Due to the volume, they had the group split between two locations, the inbound and outbound tent. MEJIA said he heard loud chanting coming from the direction of the outbound section. MEJIA responded to the location and observed a large group of detainees causing a disturbance. There were multiple officers in the area. MEJIA said he immediately took the position of crowd control, while the other officers were attempting to settle down the group. MEJIA said there was a specific detainee who was not cooperating with Captain TREJOS. MEJIA is part of the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) and is trained in reading body language to gain clues on changes in behavior. MEJIA said after the captain and the detainee got in each other's face, he observed the other detainees in the group posturing, giving indicators that the group will become more disorderly. MEJIA had his back to the area where the escort/removal was taken place and stated that he did not observe any use of force incidents.

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Description: Interview - CRS Detention Officer JERANIEL MEJIA

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The interview concluded at 1047 hrs

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