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Report by Texas Ranger Patrick O'Connor

Supplemental Report

Case Numbers: 2025-0009897 (Felony (Person))

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Supplemental Occurrence Date: 05/23/2025 11:10 AM CDT (05/23/2025 11:10 AM CDT)

Supplemental Report Details

Offenses:
0.0.0.1 - Officer Involved Shooting. (OIS)

Document Details:

1. On 03/15/2025 at approximately 12:44 am, I, Company "D" Texas Ranger Patrick O'Connor, received a phone call from South Padre Island Police Department (SPI PD) Detective Albert Dominguez. Detective Dominguez requested Texas Ranger assistance with an officer-involved shooting that had just occurred on South Padre Island. Detective Dominguez advised me of the following information:

The SPI PD received an emergency call for a two-vehicle collision at South Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street on South Padre Island. Police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services arrived to assist. Traffic backed up in every direction, causing officers to enter the roadway to direct traffic away from the hazards. United States Department of Homeland Security Special Agents (HSI) (SA) responded to assist SPI PD Officers with traffic control. A blue car with two males drove into the immediate scene of the crash after being told to turn by officers. The driver of the blue car then moved toward an HSI Special Agent who fired his weapon. The driver was struck by the gunfire and transported to the hospital, while the male passenger of the car was detained at the scene for investigation. The driver of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion) was later identified as Ruben Martinez, H/M, DOB: 03/10/2002, and the front passenger was identified as Joseph Orta, H/M, DOB: 11/18/2000. HSI Special Agent Hector Sosa was later identified as the Special Agent standing near the front of the Ford Fusion. HSI Special Agent Jack Stevens was the law enforcement officer who discharged his weapon that struck Martinez.

2. At approximately 1:45 am, I arrived on the scene and met with SPI PD Chief Claudine O'Carroll and HSI Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Alfredo Ibanez. Chief O'Carroll and ASAC Ibanez requested Texas Rangers' assistance with the Officer Involved Shooting

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Investigation. Detective Dominguez met with me and advised that Ruben Martinez had passed away as a result of his wounds.

3. At approximately 2:16 am, I met with HSI SA Jack Stevens, standing near a police vehicle at the intersection of Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street. I noted that SA Stevens wore a distinct tactical law enforcement ballistic vest. "Police HSI" was visible on his chest in contrasting colors, making it immediately apparent that he was a law enforcement officer. SA Stevens advised that his holstered weapon was the gun that he discharged during the incident. I noted that SA Stevens' weapon was on his right side. SA Stevens advised me that he did not use any spare magazines on his belt. SA Stevens was clearly recognizable as a law enforcement officer and carried standard police equipment on his belt and tactical vest. I observed apparent blood stains on the front of SA Stevens' pants and his tactical vest. I used my State-issued camera to secure nine photographs of SA Stevens to document how he appeared on the scene during the incident. SA Stevens advised me that the entire incident happened in the intersection and that no potential public safety threats were left unattended. I observed SA Stevens remove his weapon from his holster and place it in a gun box. The weapon is described as a black Sig Sauer P320 9mm s/n DB15049 (Exhibit 4) with optic sights and a flashlight attached to the bottom. The 17-capacity magazine was correctly seated, and the slide was fully forward and appropriately positioned. I noted that the red optic sight was activated. I placed protective gloves on my hands and opened the chamber to discover one Speer 9mm Luger + P cartridge. I removed the magazine and each cartridge to return them to their original position later. I found 14 9mm Speer cartridges in the magazine. I took 21 photographs to document SA Stevens' weapon and ammunition. The weapon was secured in the box that I later sealed and initialed. I maintained custody of the weapon as evidence and provided ASAC Ibanez with an HQ-109a property inventory receipt. I placed SA Stevens' weapon and ammunition inside my police unit lock box for safekeeping.

4. I later met with HSI SA Hector Sosa, wearing a distinct tactical law enforcement ballistic vest similar to SA Stevens'. "Police HSI" was visible on his chest and back, clearly indicating that he was a law enforcement officer. SA Sosa had standard police equipment on his belt and tactical vest. I used my State-issued camera to secure four photographs of SA Sosa to document how he appeared during the incident. SA Sosa advised that he had not discharged his weapon. SA Sosa gave me a quick walk-through of the scene and what he observed. SA Sosa advised that the driver of the blue Ford Fusion drove into the intersection where the crash occurred well beyond where officers were stopping vehicles and diverting them to other paths. The driver of the Ford Fusion drove so close to SA Sosa that he bumped his legs with the front bumper after telling him to stop. The driver of the Fusion proceeded to make a left turn that pushed SA Sosa back, causing him to fall over the car's hood. SA Sosa observed SA Stevens standing next to the driver's side window, watching this as it occurred. SA Sosa observed SA Stevens discharge his weapon at the driver as the blue Fusion lunged forward. SA Sosa stated that he believed SA Stevens discharged his gun to stop the driver from driving into anyone else.

5. At approximately 3:06 am, I secured photographs of the incident scene, surrounding area, and evidence. I noted that the intersection was secured with yellow crime scene tape, and

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officers were posted at various locations to divert pedestrians and vehicle traffic. I captured the scene from multiple angles. I noted that two red crashed trucks were next to one another on the southwest corner of the intersection at Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street. I later observed surveillance video footage showing the two crashed trucks were in the same location before the shooting event. The blue 2011 Ford Fusion) was parked perpendicular to Padre Boulevard facing East. I placed a crime scene marker "A" on the hood of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ( ). The Fusion was located in the northbound traffic lane of Padre Boulevard. The driver's window was approximately halfway down, but all three other windows were up. The windshield and rear windows were undamaged, and the moon roof window was slightly open. I detected the strong odor of Marijuana coming from the open driver's window. A red paper placard in the front windshield indicated the vehicle was registered to park at the Saida's IV hotel. The car transmission was in park, and the front wheels turned approximately halfway to the left. I noted that the engine was running with headlights and fog lights activated. The driver's side mirror was attached but damaged. The mirror appeared as if it had been pulled down and was dangling. The car was dusty all over. I noted an area on the hood where the dust had recently been displaced as if something had recently contacted the hood. I searched the outside of the vehicle but did not observe any projectile defects. I saw two silver-colored cartridge casings inside the driver's area of the car. A black flashlight commonly used by law enforcement was lying under the vehicle near the front right tire. I later learned that the flashlight belonged to SPI PD Officer Miguel Leal. A black iPhone with an attached leather wallet containing Ruben Martinez's identification and two credit cards was sitting on the trunk of the Ford Fusion. I later learned from video surveillance footage that a fire truck was initially facing northbound in the inside northbound lane near the crashed trucks. The fire truck was moved by the time I responded so that it could return to service. A South Padre Island ambulance was parked in the northeast area of the intersection. The ambulance was not at that location at the time of the shooting, but was brought in immediately after to assist with injuries during the crash and the shooting. I observed a small, reddish-colored stain (believed to be blood) on the pavement near the Ford Fusion and the ambulance. I briefly met with the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) driver and told them he could remove the ambulance to return to service. I observed a black baseball hat in the intersection that appeared to have been run over several times. A nickel was also noted lying on the ground near the believed blood stain. The hat and nickel appeared to be unrelated to the shooting incident or had no bearing on the outcome of the investigation at the time of the search. I took 85 photographs with my state-issued camera at the incident scene. The physical evidence was later transported to the Brownsville DPS Office and placed into evidence for safekeeping.

6. At approximately 3:33 am, I placed protective gloves on my hands and met with Detective Dominguez and Company "D" Texas Ranger Esteban Martinez on the east side of the intersection. We conducted a line search in a westward direction in search of evidence.

7. I previously placed a crime scene marker "A" on the hood of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion (The vehicle was searched the following day. All evidence later retrieved from inside the car was designated with the letter "A" to verify it came from the vehicle. The law enforcement flashlight underneath the Ford Fusion was documented with crime scene marker 1. At approximately 4:11 am, I collected the flashlight (Exhibit 1) and placed it inside a new

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manila envelope. The black iPhone (Exhibit 2) with the attached wallet was documented with crime scene marker 2. At approximately 4:13 am, I placed the cell phone and wallet inside a new manila envelope. I documented the reddish-colored stain on the pavement with crime scene marker 3. At approximately 4:18 am, I removed two sterile cotton swabs from their packaging and placed several drops of sterile water to the tip without touching the vial to the swab. I lightly swabbed the reddish-colored stain and returned the swabs (Exhibit 3) to the original packaging. I placed the swabs inside a new manila envelope. I later placed all evidence inside a secure locker at the Brownsville DPS Office.

8. I rolled up the driver's window and turned off the engine of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ( ). I locked the vehicle with the key fob and maintained custody of the keys. SPI PD Detective Dominguez assisted by having the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ( ) towed to the rear, secured parking lot of the South Padre Island Police Department building. I later observed the vehicle under a carport with yellow crime scene tape around it. Joshua Orta, the front passenger of the blue Ford Fusion, had been detained in the back seat of a SPI PD patrol. Orta was transported to the SPI PD for an interview.

9. At approximately 4:47 am, Ranger Martinez, Detective Dominguez, and I met with Joshua Joseph Orta, H/M, DOB: 11/18/2000, who provided a video-recorded voluntary statement. The following is the paraphrased voluntary statement provided by Joshua Joseph Orta:

I advised Orta that he was not under arrest and would not be placed under arrest on the interview date. Ranger Martinez read Orta the Miranda Warnings. Orta advised that he understood and waived his rights (in writing). Orta and Ruben Martinez drove from San Antonio, Texas, to South Padre Island, Texas, to attend Spring Break. Martinez drove his blue 2011 Ford Fusion). Orta rode inside the vehicle as the front passenger. Orta advised that he and Martinez had a few drinks before eating at Whataburger. Martinez drove to a crash where Officers were standing in the roadway. Martinez panicked while receiving instructions from the officers. Orta observed Martinez make a left turn and pull forward slightly. During this time, an officer was on the hood of Martinez's vehicle. Martinez didn't hit the Officer but rather caught his feet. Orta heard an officer on the vehicle's driver's side yelling for Martinez to stop. Orta told Martinez to stop. Orta immediately heard three loud gunshots that caused his ears to ring. Orta was immediately pulled out of the vehicle and detained. Orta recited what he heard before the gunshots. Orta heard an Officer yell for Martinez to stop the vehicle multiple times. Martinez stopped the vehicle when an officer stood in front of the car and said stop. The vehicle stopped temporarily. Martinez moved the car forward, pushing into the Officer's legs. Orta did not believe Martinez intended to harm an Officer. Martinez panicked and pushed the Officer with the vehicle, possibly in an attempt to get away and avoid being arrested. Orta advised that he was a little confused about the traffic situation. Martinez first approached an officer who advised him that he would have to turn around. A second Officer advised that Martinez and Orta needed to stop and get out of the car. Orta believed that the second officer was going to arrest Martinez for DWI. Martinez "panicked and turned the wheel." Martinez didn't accelerate fast, but did move forward in the car. Orta believed that officers may have believed Martinez would run them over. The Officer on the hood of the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ( ) did not pull out his gun. An officer on the driver's side of the vehicle fired his weapon. When he pulled into the intersection, Martinez's vehicle was surrounded by law enforcement. Orta observed that Martinez drove into an area with a traffic barricade. Orta and Ruben Martinez have known each other since they were

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children. Orta and Martinez were planning to return to San Antonio on 03/15/2025. Martinez and Orta consumed approximately three or four shots and a beer before going to Whataburger. Martinez and Orta consumed the alcohol while still at their rented condo on South Padre Island. On a scale from one to ten, Orta believed that Ruben was intoxicated to a level of three or four. Orta and Martinez smoked a little Marijuana earlier in the day. Orta advised that a small amount of Marijuana may be inside the vehicle. No weapons were in the blue Ford passenger car. Orta recognized all the officers on the scene as legitimate law enforcement. Orta believed Martinez understood the officers to be law enforcement in the capacity of their duties. The first officer contacted Martinez and observed alcohol in the vehicle. The Officer advised that Martinez was not supposed to have that in the car. Martinez drove straight into an area where he was not supposed to be. Martinez stopped when a bald officer approached the vehicle and ordered him to stop. Martinez never said anything and acted panicked because he did not want to go to jail. Orta observed the Officer all around the vehicle when stopped by the bald Officer. Orta indicated that he held his hands up as if surrendering. Orta heard an officer yelling for Martinez to stop. The Officer had a flashlight, but Orta could not see a weapon. The driver's window was down. Orta's front passenger window was up. Neither Orta nor Martinez took any photographs or videos with their cellphones during the shooting incident. Orta had a video of them drinking at the condo before leaving. Orta believed that Ruben was trying to leave the scene because he did not want to get arrested. After the gunshots, Martinez immediately stopped the vehicle and stated, "ok, ok." Officers pulled Ruben and Orta out of the vehicle after the vehicle stopped. EMS put Ruben in the back of the ambulance and then pulled him back out. EMS later left with Ruben. For complete details on the paraphrased voluntary statement provided by Joshua Joseph Orta, refer to the video-recorded statement in the case file.

I took two photographs of Joshua Orta after the interview with my State-issued camera. Orta allowed me to look through his cellular telephone while he was present. Orta sent me a video taken earlier in the day of Martinez and Orta inside their rented condo. I observed that Martinez and Orta were wearing the same clothing (different shoes) in the video at the time of the shooting. Martinez can be seen with a yellow-colored drink in his hand. A South Padre Island Police Department Officer dropped off Orta at his condo.

10. At approximately 6:03 am, I met with SPI PD Detective Lance Hobbs at the SPI PD. Detective Hobbs gave me a paper sack containing items he picked up from the shooting incident scene. Detective Hobbs advised that immediately after the shooting occurred, he picked up a black New Balance jacket with blood stains (cut off by EMS), a white t-shirt with apparent blood stains (cut off by EMS), and a white towel with apparent blood stains and placed them inside a paper sack. Detective Hobbs gave me a thumb drive containing 73 photographs he had taken at the incident scene. I noted that the first two photographs were focused on the two crashed red trucks. All of the pictures after that pertained to the shooting. It appeared that Detective Hobbs was on the scene at the time of the shooting. I observed several photographs that showed SA Stevens standing over Ruben Martinez, who seemed to have just been removed from the driver's seat of the blue Ford Fusion. Several other HSI Special Agents and South Padre Island PD Officers are also at the scene. Ruben Martinez was lying on his right side next to the driver's side of the blue Ford Fusion. SA Stevens still had his weapon in his hand at the time of the photographs. SA Stevens moved back to the low-ready position and eventually holstered his gun in the series of photographs. SA Stevens and HSI Special Agent Corianne Stempien can be seen removing Martinez's clothing and providing first aid to Martinez. EMS was swift to the scene as they were likely already dispatched due to the crash. Another photograph showed SA Stevens performing CPR on Martinez on a gurney. I noted that one picture showed the blue passenger car's transmission

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was in park; both front doors were open. The photographs taken by Detective Hobbs were placed inside the case file.

11. At approximately 7:02 am, I met with SPI PD Investigation Sergeant Jorge Vasquez. Sgt. Vasquez advised me that he previously drove to the hospital where Ruben Martinez was taken after the shooting. Sgt. Vasquez collected multiple items from the hospital for safekeeping. Sgt. Vasquez gave me multiple paper sacks: a yellow metal bracelet, a yellow metal necklace, a pair of gray socks, a pair of blue high-top shoes, and a pair of black pants with white stripes (Cut off by EMS). The evidence was later placed inside a secure evidence locker at the Brownsville DPS Office for safekeeping.

12. At approximately 7:28 am, I contacted Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Joseph Perez in Bexar County to request assistance with the death notification. Trooper Perez contacted Ruben Martinez's mother, Rachel Marie Reyes, H/F, DOB: , in person at her San Antonio, Texas residence. Trooper Reyes then called me, and I further explained the known circumstances of the shooting to Mrs. Reyes.

13. On 03/16/2025 at approximately 11:27 am, Ranger Martinez and I met in the rear parking lot of the South Padre Island Police Department. Ranger Martinez and I placed protective gloves on our hands and searched the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ( ) for evidence. I assisted Ranger Martinez with setting up collection bags while Ranger Martinez photographed and collected the evidence. I immediately detected the strong odor of Marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Two large Whataburger cups containing liquids were sitting in the center cup holders. I smelled both liquids but did not detect any odor of alcohol. I checked the gearshift for blood but detected no apparent blood stains. Ranger Martinez transferred custody of each seized item of evidence to me. I later transported the evidence to the Brownsville DPS office and secured it inside an evidence locker for safekeeping. After the vehicle search, I drove the Ford Fusion outside the gates of the Police Department; the brakes and general functionality of the car appeared in good working order. I generated an HQ-109 property inventory form and released the vehicle to Capital Towing Services. I left a copy of the removed inventory on the car's front passenger seat. Ranger Martinez will provide a subsequent supplement report with more details on the search and evidence seized from the blue 2011 Ford Fusion). The following is a list of the evidence items removed from the blue 2011 Ford Fusion ( ):

Exhibit A1 9mm Speer cartridge case

Exhibit A2 9mm Speer cartridge case

Exhibit A3 9mm Speer cartridge case

Exhibit A4 Open bottle of Crown Royal Whiskey with brown liquid

Exhibit A5 Swisher sweets package and lighter

Exhibit A6 Green ash can with marijuana ash inside

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Exhibit A7 2 Swisher sweets packages

Exhibit A8 Plastic bag containing Marijuana

Exhibit A9 2 Cotton swabs of apparent blood

14. At approximately 2:40 pm, Ranger Martinez and I drove to the Paradise Gift Shop on the southeast corner of South Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street. Ranger Martinez and I met with store manager Leyva Olmos, H/F, DOB: [redacted], who gave me four sections (2 views) of video surveillance footage. According to the video time stamp, I reviewed the footage and saw that the shooting incident occurred at 12:42 am. The surveillance video malfunctioned when we watched it on the store device and my downloaded copy. The video plays for a few seconds at regular speed, then jumps in and out of fast forward. I could see at a distance that the blue Fusion drove into the immediate area of the crash and stopped. An officer wearing white shoes stands directly in front of the blue Ford vehicle with his flashlight. The Officer was later identified as Special Agent Hector Sosa. A second officer quickly walked to the front driver's door. This Officer was identified as Jack Stevens. I noted that Martinez initially stopped his vehicle where the officers were standing. Martinez quickly turned left with SA Sosa still in front of the car. The picture was highly grainy, but it appeared SA Sosa was pushed onto the vehicle's hood as it turned. The car drove through several bright orange traffic barrels to its final destination. The barrels were set up as a traffic barricade and intended to warn drivers not to drive in that direction. The vehicle appeared to drive between the barrels as he turned and stopped. I noted a law enforcement officer standing in the center of the northbound lane controlling traffic at the intersection when the vehicle drove next to the barrels. The Officer appeared to be in the path of the Ford Fusion at the time of the shooting. The blue Fusion immediately stopped, and SA Stevens can be seen backing away from the front of the vehicle with his weapon drawn and pointed at the driver. Multiple officers run in the direction of the driver's side to assist. Officers and EMS can be seen huddled around the driver's side of the vehicle, providing first aid to Martinez.

15. At approximately 4:54 pm, Ranger Martinez and I drove to the northwest corner of the intersection and met with Incredible Rides store manager Eyal Turgeman, M/M, DOB: [redacted] Turgeman introduced me to Curtis Hayungs over the telephone. Hayungs handled all of the camera footage for Incredible Rides. Hayungs later provided me with video footage from 03/15/2025 at the time of the shooting incident. I observed that the time stamp was approximately one hour behind due to daylight saving time. At approximately 12:42 am, Officers had already closed the outside lane of southbound Padre Boulevard. All traffic was passing through the inside lane and was being diverted East onto Marlin Street, or they were allowed to make a U-turn onto Padre Boulevard northbound. I observed an ambulance with emergency lights activated driving southbound on Padre Boulevard toward the intersection. I noted that the blue 2011 Ford Fusion [redacted]) entered the camera's view on Padre Boulevard southbound immediately behind the ambulance. It appeared that Martinez was traveling behind the ambulance to move quicker through the traffic and not have to wait in line. Martinez was in the outside lane of travel, blocked by law enforcement. Numerous emergency vehicles had their lights on in the area. A law enforcement officer working traffic walked up to the driver's window and momentarily met with Martinez. A second officer walked up to the passenger side of the vehicle. Martinez appeared to cooperate and stop. The

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Officers appeared to wave Martinez through to the next area, where law enforcement officers diverted traffic from the intersection. Martinez veered left as if merging with all of the other vehicles. I noted that pedestrians were in various locations around the crash. A group of pedestrians were crossing Padre Boulevard east to west directly in front of Martinez's car. Martinez then sped up and drove past the second officer into the intersection where the crash occurred. One Officer started running toward the blue Fusion, indicating that Martinez was not going in the right direction. Several other officers in the area converged on the Ford Fusion. I observed numerous officers in and around the intersection directing traffic and providing services. Several Officers can be seen moving quickly immediately before three shots are fired. The three shots can be heard in the recording. The Incredible Rides sign partially blocked the view of the Ford Fusion. I observed an officer backing up quickly with his weapon drawn at the same time the shots were fired. The camera view was too far and dark to see the Officer's face, but I believed the Officer to be HSI SA Jack Stevens based on the information I previously learned about the case. I noted the drawn weapon had a flashlight activated during the shooting. SA Stevens stepped forward with his gun drawn and opened the driver's door. SA Stevens pulled the driver out and onto the ground. An ambulance immediately arrived on the scene. Officers can be seen crouching down over Martinez's body. An orange traffic barrel was moved out of the way so a medical gurney could be used.

Ranger Martinez and I checked the businesses at the Northeast and southwest corners of the intersection but did not locate additional video surveillance cameras.

16. On 03/17/2025, I transported Martinez's black iPhone to HSI Special Agent Joseph Mirino's Office in Harlingen. SA Mirino checked the device and said he could not get into the phone without a valid password. I contacted Martinez's mother, Rachel Reyes, but she did not know the password. Martinez's sister was present during the phone conversation and advised that she did not see the code either. I attempted a few commonly used codes but did not enter the device. I returned the device to evidence to the Brownsville DPS evidence locker.

17. On 03/18/2025 at approximately 9:30 am, Ranger Martinez and I met with Cameron County Pathologist Doctor Elizabeth Miller at her office in Harlingen, Texas. Ranger Martinez took photographs as Dr. Miller conducted an autopsy on decedent Ruben Martinez. Dr. Miller provided me with three projectiles, Bullet 1 (Exhibit 14), Bullet 2 (Exhibit 15), and Bullet 3 (Exhibit 16) that she removed from Martinez's body during the autopsy. After the autopsy, Dr. Miller also gave me the decedent's black boxer shorts. I signed a copy of the property transfer sheet and placed it in the case file. I put the evidence from the autopsy inside a secured evidence locker at the Brownsville DPS Office. I later received Dr. Miller's preliminary autopsy report (OA25-023) that documented the preliminary cause of death as "Multiple Gunshot Wounds."

18. On 03/21/2025 at approximately 2:24 pm, I photographed all the clothing, shoes, and items received from SPI PD Sgt. Vasquez and Detective Hobbs. I placed protective gloves on my hands and changed gloves when handling each new item. I used a clean sheet of paper with each item later to pack the evidence. I noted several projectile defects to the clothing that appeared consistent with the wounds on Ruben Martinez's body. Each projectile defect was

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documented with a scale in the photograph. I noted that several of the items contained apparent dried blood and appeared to have been cut by law enforcement and/or EMS during emergency medical treatment. I discovered a lighter and $96 cash inside the front left pocket of Martinez's black pants with white stripes. A second lighter was in the right front pocket. The lighters and cash were placed back inside the pockets. The clothing evidence was re-packaged and sealed. I returned the evidence to a secured locker at the Brownsville DPS Office. Below is a list of the evidence after the photographs and re-packaging:

Exhibit 6 Black New Balance jacket (cut with blood stains)
Exhibit 7 White towel with blood stains
Exhibit 8 Yellow metal bracelet
Exhibit 9 Yellow metal neck chain
Exhibit 10 Pair of gray socks
Exhibit 11 Pair of blue high-top shoes
Exhibit 12 Black pants with two lighters and $96 US currency
Exhibit 13 Black boxer shorts

19. I reviewed the material collected from the Texas Parks and Wildlife TPWD Game Warden's body cameras and learned the following:

Game Warden Juan Rosendo

According to the time stamp, game Warden Rosendo's body camera was approximately one hour behind the correct time. No audio can be heard in this segment of the camera. I believed this was likely because Game Warden Rosendo activated his body camera after the shooting, causing the video to go back and capture data without sound. At approximately 12:41 am (03/14/2025 23:41:37 on the time stamp), an ambulance drove to Game Warden Rosendo's location. Game Warden Rosendo was standing on South Padre Boulevard just north of the intersection where the crash had occurred, providing traffic control. The ambulance passed Game Warden Rosendo southbound. A blue Ford Fusion drove highly close behind the ambulance. It appeared as if the blue Fusion followed the ambulance to avoid waiting in traffic. The Ford Fusion abruptly stopped and slowly rolled forward to Game Warden Rosendo's location. The front driver's window was down, and Ruben Martinez was observed as the driver. Martinez was holding a bottle of Crown Royal Whiskey with his right hand. Martinez spoke with Game Warden Rosendo briefly, but the audio was not recovered due to the activation of the body camera after the fact. Game Warden Rosendo pointed to an empty parking spot near their location. The Ford Fusion drove forward toward the intersection where Game Warden Calvin Atkinson was standing, blocking traffic. The Ford Fusion drove past Game Warden Atkinson into the intersection and the crashed vehicles. South Padre Island PD Sergeant Leal ran in the direction of the car. The Ford Fusion made a hard left turn, and officers were seen running toward the vehicle. See the video for complete details.

Game Warden Calvin Atkinson

At approximately 00:42:00 (as seen on the camera time stamp), three pedestrians are crossing South Padre Boulevard from East to West. Game Warden Atkinson conducted traffic control at the intersection where the crash occurred. The blue Ford Fusion driven by Martinez drove up to Game Warden Atkinson's location. Martinez drove at an angle as if he would

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merge into traffic on the inside lane. Three pedestrians crossed the roadway approximately one car length away in front of the blue Fusion. Martinez slowed down a very slow roll. Game Warden Atkinson blocked all southbound traffic while northbound traffic passed through the intersection. Game Warden Atkinson asked Martinez, "Where are you going? Hey, where are you going?" Martinez then accelerated past Game Warden Atkinson straight into the intersection. I noted that the driver's side mirror was correctly attached at this time. I could not tell if the driver's window was up or down due to the vehicle's movement and body camera. Martinez drove near the area of the crashed cars and stopped after a flashlight could be seen waving directly in front of the vehicle. Game Warden Atkinson yelled, "Hey, stop him." SA Stevens walked quickly to the driver's door and attempted to open the door. The video is difficult to see due to the lighting, but SA Sosa can be seen near the front of the blue car. SA Stevens walked quickly to the driver's door and attempted to open it. The door appeared to be locked. Martinez then rolled forward and made an immediate left turn.

I noted that SA Sosa appeared to move as if he were on the vehicle's hood. SA Sosa's lower body could not be seen on the other side of the car. SA Stevens hopped along the driver's side as the vehicle made the sharp left turn. South Padre Island PD Sgt. Leal yelled, "Stop him, get him out." Three gunshots can be heard as SA Stevens back petaled away from the front of the Ford Fusion. Sgt. Leal called out, "Shots fired" on the radio. Game Warden Atkinson held all southbound traffic to keep anyone else from driving into the crash scene or shooting scene. See the video for complete details.

20. I reviewed the material collected from the South Padre Island Police Department's body cameras and learned the following:

Sergeant Miguel Leal

At approximately 00:21:00 (as seen on the camera time stamp), Sgt. Leal arrived at South Padre Boulevard and Marlin Street intersection due to an emergency call for a two-vehicle crash. I observed numerous law enforcement officers assisting with the crash, including HSI Special Agents Jack Stevens, Hector Sosa, and Corianne Stempien. Special Agents Stevens, Sosa, and Stempien were standing in the Southbound lane of travel next to where the vehicles had crashed. Sgt. Leal helped to coordinate efforts at the crash scene. At approximately 00:41:41, Sgt. Leal opened the rear of a SPI PD vehicle for equipment. An ambulance drove to the scene with emergency lights and sirens on the left side of the view. Someone yelled, "Hey, hey, what are you doing? What are you doing?" Another unknown person said, "Keep going, keep going." It is unclear who stated this and whom they were speaking to. Game Warden told Sgt. Leal that the driver of the Blue Fusion had a bottle of Crown Royal inside the vehicle. Game Warden Rosendo yelled to Game Warden Atkinson to stop Martinez from driving forward. Martinez drove straight into the intersection with the crash. Game Warded Rosendo yelled, "Hey, hey, hey." Sgt. Leal began to run toward the Ford Fusion, which was now entirely in the intersection where the crash occurred. Sgt. Leal yelled, "Stop him, stop him, get him out, get him out" multiple times. SA Stevens attempted to open the driver's side door as Martinez drove forward and turned left. An officer conducting traffic duties in the northbound lane was directly in front of the Fusion at this point and only one-half a car length away. I noted that Martinez was slowly driving forward at the time three gunshots could be heard. I noted that the driver's window had been rolled up halfway. SA Steven's right arm, holding his weapon, was extended through the driver's window. SA Steven's yelled,

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"Stop the fucking vehicle." Martinez immediately stopped the vehicle. SA Stevens backed up away from the front of the car with his weapon still pointed at Martinez. The driver's door was closed. The camera view briefly moved away, then returned, showing an open driver's door. SA Stevens yelled, "Get out of the vehicle now." Martinez's left foot exited the vehicle, and SA Stevens used his left hand to pull Martinez's right hand. Martinez was pulled out of the car and went straight to his right side. SA Stevens used his body to hold Martinez down momentarily until another officer arrived to assist with his handcuffs. Martinez was handcuffed behind his back. SA Sosa can be seen patting down and handcuffing the front passenger, Joshua Orta, on the right side of the car. The driver and front passenger doors were open at this point. SA Sampien opened the rear passenger door to search the back seat. The door was locked until Sgt. Leal unlocked it from the front passenger door. An ambulance arrived at the scene a few seconds later, and EMS and law enforcement officers began providing first aid. SA Stevens appeared to cover a projectile defect with his hands. SA Sampien applied a chest seal to Martinez's left side toward the back. Sgt. Leal continued coordination efforts from various locations at the crash and shooting scene. Sgt. Leal later returned to Martinez's location. SA Stevens began CPR on Martinez while lying on a gurney. Martinez was later transported to the hospital.

21. Additional law enforcement body cameras and dash camera footage were collected but did not capture the shooting incident. Nevertheless, additional camera views and reports were included in this file.

22. On 04/23/2025, I received the final autopsy report for Ruben Martinez Jr (OA25-023). The final autopsy report was completed by Cameron County Pathologist Dr. Elizabeth Miller and included a toxicology report. I reviewed the reports and learned that Ruben Martinez's toxicology showed that he had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .124 g/100 ml at the time of his death. Martinez had Marijuana and Alprazolam in his system as well. The cause of death was determined to be "Multiple gunshot wounds." The manner of death was documented as "Homicide."

23. On 05/05/2025, I received a typed statement from HSI Special Agent Jack Stevens. The written statement was placed inside the case file. On 05/22/2015, HSI Special Agent Corianne Sampien declined to provide a voluntary statement. On 05/23/2025, HSI Special Agent Hector Sosa provided a written statement that was placed inside the case file. See the typed voluntary statements for complete details.

24. This investigation continues.

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Name:
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Connected to
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Type:
Work

Country:
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Jack Stevens - Involved In

Name:
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Joshua Joseph Orta - Involved In

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Age/Date of Birth:
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Type:
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Ruben Ray Martinez - Involved In

Image:



Involved In
06/01/2025 09 40 AM CDT *

Name:
Ruben Ray Martinez

Age/Date of Birth:
03/10/2002

Gender:
Male

Race/Ethnicity:
Hispanic or Latino

Height:
5 feet 8 inch(es)

Weight:
120 lbs

Hair Color:
Brown

Eye Color:
Brown

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Officer Involved Shooting, Cameron County, Ruben Martinez, 03/15/2025

Supplemental Report

Case Numbers: 2025-0009897 (Felony (Person))

Document Reference Number(s): 2025-0009897-00003

Supplemental Occurrence Date: 03/15/2025 12:46 AM CDT (03/15/2025 12:46 AM CDT)

Supplemental Report Details

Offenses:
0.0.0.1 - Officer Involved Shooting. (OIS)

Document Details:

1. On 03-15-2025 at approximately 12:46 am, I, Company "D" Texas Ranger Esteban Martinez, Jr., received a phone call from Texas Ranger Patrick O'Conner, who requested assistance with an Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigation. Ranger O'Connor requested the LEICA scanner and advised me of the following information:

2. The South Padre Island Police Department (SPIPD) was working on a crash at the intersection of E. Marlin and Padre Blvd. A Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Investigator was helping with security and traffic control. A vehicle approached the crash scene without stopping. The HSI Investigator gave verbal commands and ultimately discharged his handgun towards the driver for not stopping.

3. I proceeded to the Weslaco Office to pick up the LEICA scanner and equipment. I then made my way to South Padre Island.

4. At approximately 2:54 am, I arrived at the intersection of E. Marlin and Padre Blvd. Ranger O'Connor was already at the location. I noted that SPIPD Officers were on the scene and had blocked the roadway. I observed yellow crime scene tape around the apparent crime scene at the intersection. I observed that SPIPD Officers used cones and orange barrels to mark the area. I observed a blue Ford Fusion with a [redacted] license plate, [redacted], in the middle of the road, facing eastbound. A small pool of blood was apparent north of the Ford. No cartridge casings were found on the roadway.

5. I conducted a rough diagram sketch of the location where the shootings took place. I began to gather the equipment to initiate the scan. Ranger O'Connor secured the photographs at the crime scene.

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6. On 03-15-2025 at approximately 3:30 am, I deployed a Leica Scan Station RTC 360 (3D laser scanner) and gathered data from 10 locations at the Intersection of E. Marlin and Padre Blvd, South Padre Island, Texas 78597. The panoramic photographs of the crime scene were collected along with the scan data.

7. The Leica Scan Station RTC 360 is a device that combines panoramic photography and three-dimensional laser scanning to capture measurements. The measurements can be used to create a three-dimensional representation of the crime scene. Single images, witness viewpoints, and images with measurements can be generated.

8. I obtained one “SnapShot” from the crime scene data. The “SnapShot” contained a measurement of the NIST pole utilized to verify instrument accuracy. The “Snapshot” of the NIST pole measurement was included in the Leica Scan Station data folder.

9. The Texas Rangers have retained the scan data.

10. I completed 10 “TruView” programs of the crime scene documented in this file. A “TruView” is a Windows internet browser plug-in viewer, which allows for viewing, measuring, and marking of data in a scan location. I obtained a copy of the Registration Diagnostics Report for the data registration of the data in this file. All material collected by and associated with the Leica Scan Station RTC 360 was downloaded into a file folder, which was documented as Scan Evidence.

11. All scans were completed at 4:10 am.

12. I assisted Ranger O'Connor with photographing the crime scene and collecting evidence. All the above items were documented, packaged, and maintained by Ranger O’Connor. Review Ranger O'Connor's reports for further information.

13. Later that morning at 4:47 am, I, along with Ranger O’Connor and SPI Detective Albert Dominguez, conducted a witness interview with Joshua Orta, H/M, DOB: 11-18-2000, at the South Padre Island Police Department, 4601 Padre Blvd. South Padre Island, Texas 78597. Orta had no charges pending against him. He was the front right passenger of the Ford Fusion at the time of the shooting.

14. We brought him to one of the Criminal Investigation Division rooms. I asked him if he wanted to speak with us voluntarily, to which he replied, “Yes.” I also provided the Miranda Warnings in English, which Orta initialed next to each of the five statements.

15. The interview was audio- and video-recorded, labeled as the Orta recording. The following does not contain all comments made during the interview, nor does it necessarily reflect the chronology of the discussion.

16. I identified all voices in the audio recording of the interview, as per Article 38.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

17. The Orta recording contains a verbatim account of the interview. The following is a summary of the interview.

18. Orta stated that he is from San Antonio, along with his friend, Ruben Ray Martinez, the driver of the Ford Fusion, H/M, DOB: 03-10-2002.

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19. Orta stated that they came down for Spring Break and planned to head back to San Antonio later that day or the following day. Orta indicated that they had arrived and were staying with friends at a condo in the Saida Complex. He, along with Martinez, drank some shots and some beers. Orta stated they went to Louis's yard. Orta stated they got hungry and decided to go to Whataburger. After Whataburger, he was the front right passenger, and Martinez was driving. They were traveling southbound on Padre Boulevard when they encountered an accident. Orta mentioned they saw several police officers in the area, but Martinez continued to drive. They passed several officers until they reached a point where an officer was telling them to stop. Orta remembers officers yelling, “Stop the vehicle!” several times. Orta stated he thinks Martinez was panicking, did not want to get arrested, and continued to go forward even though there were a lot of police around. Orta then remembers seeing an officer by the front hood of the car and then hearing three gunshots. Orta states that’s when the vehicle finally stopped; they were forcibly taken out of the vehicle. Orta mentioned he believes Martinez didn’t stop because he didn’t want to get arrested due to possibly being intoxicated due to alcohol and marijuana. Orta did not have anything else to add, and we ended the interview at approximately 5:19 am.

20. For complete details, refer to Orta’s audio/video recording, which was entered as evidence in the system and assigned an evidence number.

21. Ranger O’Connor made contact with Martinez’s mother for death notification. For details, refer to Ranger O’Connor’s report.

22. On 03-16-2025, I arrived at the SPIPD for a search of the Ford Fusion. I readied my Nikon camera 5000 and placed gloves on my hands. I proceeded to inventory and search the vehicle that Martinez was driving, who was now deceased.

23. I began by photographing the vehicle where the wrecker had left it last. The vehicle was parked in a secure spot at the SPIPD parking lot. I observed yellow crime scene tape around the vehicle. At 11:32 am, I began with the photographs. I used markers 1 through 9 to document my findings inside the vehicle.

24. Markers one through three were 9mm cartridge casings found by the driver's seat, with one being located in the center pocket console.

25. Marker four was a Crown Royal glass bottle, half empty, located under the driver seat floorboard.

26. Marker five was a Swisher Sweats package and lights located under the driver seat floorboard.

27. Marker six was a green can with what appeared to be marijuana residue inside, located on the front right passenger door pocket.

28. Marker seven was two new Swisher sweats packages located in the glove box.

29. Marker eight was a small, clear baggie with what appeared to be marijuana inside, located on the driver's side by the door frame.

30. Marker nine was two cotton swabs of what appeared to be blood I collected on the driver's seat.

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31. Ranger O'Connor indexed an HQ-109 property inventory form; refer to his report for details. The vehicle was then released to Capital Towing and placed in their yard. The family was notified of the address so they could make arrangements to pick up the vehicle.

32. On 03-18-2025, at 9:00 am, Ranger O'Connor and I arrived at the Valley Baptist Hospital at the Pathologist's office located at 2101 Pease Street, Harlingen, Texas 78550. There, we met with Forensic Pathologist Doctor Elizabeth J. Miller.

33. The autopsy began at 9:30 am. I readied my Nikon 5000 camera and took photographs of the deceased Ruben Martinez. Dr. Miller also took her pictures and stated she would share her photographs with the Texas Rangers.

34. Dr. Miller provided a preliminary autopsy report of OA25-023, which is attached to my report. Review Dr. Miller's report for further details. Also attached is the Cameron County Justice of the Peace Authorization for Medicolegal Examination order signed by Judge Cynthia Hinojosa, Precinct 2 Place 2.

35. This investigation continues.

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