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IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**



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North Miami Police Officer Charged in Shooting of Behavioral Therapist Charles Kinsey

Miami (April 12, 2017) A joint investigation undertaken by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office has resulted in the filing of criminal charges against North Miami Police Officer Jonathan Aledda for the July 18, 2016 shooting of Behavioral Therapist Charles Kinsey.

The initial incident resulted when a resident of the Miami Achievement Center for the Developmentally Disabled (MACtown), who required 24 hour one-on-one supervision, left the facility with his silver tanker truck toy in-hand. The resident's Behavioral Therapist, Mr. Charles Kinsey, closely followed in an attempt to return him from the street back into the facility. Initial 911 telephone contacts about a man, possibly suicidal, with a silver weapon in his hand, led to the arrival of members of the North Miami Police Department.

In attempts to assess the situation, North Miami Police were spread out over a several block area. Two (2) police officers were within 20 feet of the situation when Officer Aledda, who was 152 feet away, fired 3 shots from his Colt M4Carbine rifle. Officer Aledda was not in a position to correctly assess the situation or in a position to accurately fire. It was one of Officer Aledda's shots which struck Charles Kinsey.

Jonathan Aledda is being charged with:

- 1 count - Attempted Manslaughter 3rd Degree Felony
- 1 count – Culpable Negligence 1st Degree Misdemeanor

These charges are the result of a lengthy inquiry which included a prosecutorial review of the police investigation, numerous police and prosecutor meetings to review case evidence, site re-enactments and the taking of additional statements of police witnesses after the completion of the FDLE investigation. The arrest affidavit contains a general outline of the critical information which led to the decision to file criminal charges in this shooting incident.

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