

## 'I didn't want to do it!' Video shows deputy - Miami Herald, The (FL) - August 6, 2018

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Newly released body cam footage documents the frightening moments leading up to a deputy fatally shooting a man in Central Florida.

According to a police report from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Brandon Watson responded to a domestic violence call at a Seville home a little after 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The video, released by the sheriff's office and carrying a graphic content warning, first shows the deputy asking two men sitting on the steps at the entrance about a call he received about a man and a woman fighting.

The men seem calm but refuse to answer questions about what's going on. A woman carrying a child comes out of the house and hands the deputy a phone. The woman on the line says, "I kicked him out of the house. He has a knife."

Watson hands the phone back to the woman on the landing who says something in Spanish about him "beating me up."

Suddenly, a shirtless man on the steps lunges at the woman with the child.

"Don't you f---ing move!" yells the deputy, then Tases the man in the back and tells him to get on the ground.

The suspect falls down, screaming in pain and groaning.

"Chill!" yells the deputy. "Stop!"

The deputy zaps the man again. He was later identified as **Emmanuel Alquisiras**.

In the video, the deputy yells, "Stop resisting and put your hands behind your back. Get your hands behind your back!"

"I don't care if you shoot me!"

"That's the last thing I want to do!"

"I'm not leaving. You're going to have to kill me," Alquisiras says.

That's when the suspect tries to grab the Taser.

"Let go of the f--ing Taser now! Put your hands behind your back! I ain't f---ing around no more!" screams Watson, who instructs the children to get inside.

"You don't know who you're f--ing with, amigo," the suspect says. "Why are you doing this in front of my kids!?"

The suspect and deputy struggle and the Taser goes off again, then five gunshots are fired.

"Stop!" yells the deputy. "Stay down!"

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Silence. Then the woman and children are heard hysterically crying.

According to the Daytona Beach News Journal, the couple had four daughters, ages 7, 5, 4 and 1, and Alquisiras, a roofer, was the family's sole provider.

The unidentified man on the steps who was wearing the shirt says, "That's messed up, man!"

"I didn't want to!" yells the deputy. "He grabbed my Taser, man. I'm freaking out right now, too."

You hear the deputy's heavy breathing. "Goddammit!"

"Why, man? Why," yells the other man.

"I didn't want to do it! He forced my hand! I didn't want to do this!" answers Watson.

When paramedics arrived, Alquisiras was pronounced dead, according to the Volusia sheriff's office.

Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood said later on Twitter: "I'm sorry for the pain the family is feeling but I'm also thanking God that our deputy is OK. There were several different potentially tragic outcomes to this call & there's no doubt in my mind that the deputy's intervention spared the female victim from further domestic violence."

When members of the community asked the sheriff on social media why the deputy had no backup, he explained why on Facebook:

"Seville is a rural unincorporated community with a Census population of less than 700 people. The reality has always been that fewer deputies are available to immediately respond to a call in Seville than in Deltona, for example, where population density and call volume are high. The video of Friday's incident is a clear illustration of that reality."

The post adds that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement is conducting an investigation, and the deputy is on administrative leave, which is "standard."

Chitwood says he stands by the deputy "100 percent."

