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**MEDIA OUTLET:** Miami Herald

**HEADLINE:** Proposed settlement could end federal monitoring of Broward County jails

**BYLINE:** Alex Harris

**LINK:** <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/broward/article102378482.html>

**STORY:** A flurry of panicked 911 calls for help last week ended with a Pompano Beach man dead in his backyard, felled by police bullets, with family members of the slain man saying the officers aren't investigating the shooting properly.

The family called for help with a drunk and aggressive family member who was "breaking up stuff in the house" and threatening relatives on Sept. 9.

Broward Sheriff's Office deputies showed up at the home at 10 p.m. Two minutes later, 56-year-old Gregory Frazier was dead.

The department followed protocol after the shooting, placing the two deputies who allegedly shot and killed him on paid leave. But unlike the last eight police-involved fatalities or near-fatalities in Broward County, no other prosecutors investigated the scene that night.

An investigator from the Broward State Attorney's Office, which prosecutes these cases, was not called out that night, said SAO spokesman Ron Ishoy. The on-call homicide prosecutor was consulted via phone early Saturday morning on a search warrant for the home, both organizations said, but Ishoy said an investigator was not called to the scene. It's not mandatory for investigators to be involved in incidents like this.

BSO handed the investigation to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on Monday. FDLE investigates police-involved shootings in Miami-Dade.

The Sheriff's Department was meeting with FDLE on Monday to adopt this policy, BSO spokeswoman Keyla Concepción said, but before it could, Frazier became the first deputy-involved shooting of the year for the agency. The second was on Monday, and no one was killed.

"No other agency will have the benefit of viewing the scene before it was exposed to the elements," said Jasmine Rand, the family's attorney.

Rand — a lawyer with Parks & Crump, the law firm that represented Trayvon Martin's family — said the family doesn't understand why deputies killed Frazier. Family members say deputies found Frazier sitting in the backyard eating chicken wings as people watched from next door and inside the house.

The argument was over by then, she said. Witnesses told Rand "there was not a lot of back and forth. It was just 'get down, get down' and shots were fired."

"The officers responding had a duty," she said. "That doesn't mean you get to shoot first and ask questions later."

Moments before Frazier died, his sister called the authorities begging for help.

“He’s got a knife. He’s trying to hurt my daughter and my son,” Deborah Frazier told 911 at 9:55 p.m. Sept. 9.

She said her brother had been drinking all day and was brandishing a knife at her daughter.

“It’s gonna get worse,” she said. “Hurry up, please.”

Her daughter was locked in a room inside the home with her baby, and Deborah said if Frazier saw her on the phone then he’d “really get crazy.”

By the end of the five-minute call, police arrived. She told the officers her brother flashed a knife at her daughter, destroyed “everything” inside the house and was in the backyard in a black T-shirt.

While her mother was on the phone, her daughter called the police a minute later from the locked room and echoed the knife threat and property destruction her mom mentioned.

Two minutes after the police arrived, the next call came. A man repeatedly asked for paramedics for a gunshot victim. A woman screamed “have mercy” in the background.

“Who shot him?” the operator asked.

“The police,” he said. “They came for an emergency and he was in the backyard drunk with a knife, and they shot him.”

Shouting and screaming make the call hard to hear. He asked “Is he still breathing?” then the whine of emergency vehicles cuts through. That’s more police cars, not an ambulance, he tells the operator.

“They’re putting handcuffs on him,” he said. “Man, he dead, man.”

Another man in the background, possibly a deputy, shouts “He came at me with a knife,” which is met with more screaming and yelling.

The Sheriff’s Office hasn’t released any more details of the moments between when the officers arrived and the bullets were fired. The only statement said Frazier “produced a knife.” The FDLE doesn’t answer questions about active investigations.

Despite the scant information released, news reports on the shooting sparked an unusually fiery response from BSO.

Initial reports from the Broward New Times stated the deputies who responded were white. BSO posted screenshots of the article on its Facebook page and called it “irresponsible ... to report unverified and unattributed misinformation.”

“FACT: Two deputies fired their weapons — one was black, one was white. FACT: Mr. Frazier was facing the two deputies when the shots were fired,” the department wrote.

BSO spokeswoman Concepción told the Herald the department was worried about upsetting an already tense racial atmosphere.

“The national rhetoric is what’s taking center stage, rather than focusing on the facts of this one case,” she said.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** Miami Herald

**HEADLINE:** Police union asks deputies to not escort Dolphins until players stand for anthem

**BYLINE:** Staff Report

**LINK:** <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/broward/article102396747.html>

**STORY:** The Dolphins will open up with their first home game of the season next week against the Cleveland Browns. The question is will the Broward Sheriff's Office be escorting them to the game?

The controversial protest by Miami Dolphins players to not stand during the national anthem took another turn Friday as Broward County's deputies take a stand of their own against the hometown team.

"We've asked the deputies and the Broward Sheriff's Office not to do the details anymore," said Jeffery Bell, the president of the International Union of Police Associations, Local 6020.

The union is asking for team-sponsored police escorts to stop until the team forces players to stand for the anthem.

"I respect their right to have freedom of speech. However, in certain organizations and certain jobs you give up that right of your freedom of speech temporary while you serve that job or while you play in an NFL game," Bell said.

The demands come as Dolphin players have come under fire, literally. A group of fans burned team gear on Thursday.

Players have been left trying to explain themselves.

"They say it's not time to do this. Then when is the time? It's never the time in someone else's eye," running back Arian Foster said.

Three of the four players who took a knee during the Sept. 11 game against the Seahawks are leaning toward standing this weekend against the Patriots.

The union says it's a step in the right direction.

"I can only imagine the public outcry if a group of police officers refused to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance or if we turned our back for the American flag for the national anthem. There would be a public outcry and internal affairs complaints a mile long on that," Bell said.

The Broward Sheriff's Office had no comment Friday night.

Miami-Dade police did; they also provide security for the Dolphins' games.

They said they "have contractual obligations with Hard Rock Stadium to provide public safety. The safety of our residents and visitors is our primary concern."

**MEDIA OUTLET:** Palm Beach Post

**HEADLINE:** NFL national anthem: Sheriff's union chief asks police to stop escorting Miami Dolphins

**BYLINE:** Jason Lieser

**LINK:** <http://dailydolphin.blog.palmbeachpost.com/2016/09/16/nfl-national-anthem-sheriffs-union-chief-asks-police-to-stop-escorting-miami-dolphins/>

**STORY:** DAVIE — The head of the local sheriff's union in Broward County released a statement today asking his members to decline any security detail that involves the Miami Dolphins in response to the four players who knelt during the national anthem last weekend.

Jeff Bell, president of Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Association Local I.U.P.A 6020, said he called for the refusal because of demand from his executive board and members.

"It was driven by the union leadership because we've had many requests to make a statement about the disrespect during the anthem," Bell said by phone today.

The union left the issue alone until now because the Dolphins hadn't been involved in it. San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick sat on the bench for the anthem in a preseason game, and the protests have spread around the league.

Miami's Arian Foster, Kenny Stills, Jelani Jenkins and Michael Thomas demonstrated at the season opener in Seattle, and owner Stephen Ross said afterward he was in full support of what they did.

Now that the Dolphins are involved, the union wants to disassociate itself.

"I can not fathom why the Miami Dolphin organization and the NFL would allow the blatant disrespect of the American Flag and what it stands for during the national anthem," Bell wrote in the letter that went out to his membership. "It is a privilege to play in the NFL, not a given constitutional right. The Miami Dolphin players, staff and family members enjoy full police escorts from the Broward Sheriff's Office on a regular basis. These escorts often involve putting the men and women of law enforcement agencies at risk as they block intersections during peak traffic times in order to expedite the travel time between facilities.

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The full text of the letter is at the bottom of this post.

Bell closed by asking all members of law enforcement to turn down any assignment associated with the Miami Dolphins unless under orders.

The Dolphins did not immediately return a message seeking comment on Bell's letter.

An objection to the handling of police-related violence has been a major theme in the protests since Kaepernick's initial demonstration. The Miami players, though, repeatedly said their action was not intended to be an insult toward law enforcement or military.

"Most important, man, I just want equal rights for everybody," Jenkins said Sunday. "Hopefully we're raising awareness and pushing for change. I want it to be known that it's no disrespect to the military or to police officers. And 9/11, I respect everything about it. My perspective is that there are people hurting. It means a lot to me to not be quiet about it."

Jenkins decided this week that he will no longer kneel for the anthem, feeling he has made his point and furthered the conversation. Thomas said Thursday he was unsure of his plans.

To Everyone,

Today, I contacted the executive board of the Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Association Local 6020 in reference to the actions of a few Miami Dolphin players. As a law enforcement union, we certainly encourage people to exercise their constitutional right of freedom of speech. However, in certain professions, an individual's freedom of speech must take a back seat to the organization or government entity that they choose to represent. Even the NFL's governing body and the ownership of individual teams set strict policies in order to make sure players represent the league in the most professional way.

With this said, I can not fathom why the Miami Dolphin organization and the NFL would allow the blatant disrespect of the American Flag and what it stands for during the national anthem. It is a privilege to play in the NFL, not a given constitutional right. The Miami Dolphin players, staff and family members enjoy full police escorts from the Broward Sheriff's Office on a regular basis. These escorts often involve putting the men and women of law enforcement agencies at risk as they block intersections during peak traffic times in order to expedite the travel time between facilities.

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Until further notice, I respectfully ask all members of law enforcement not to work any detail associated with the Miami Dolphins unless ordered to do so. Again, I would also respectfully ask the Broward Sheriff's Office to refuse any security details associated with the Miami Dolphins until such time the Miami Dolphin organization mandates a code of conduct for their players during all sanctioned events.

Jeff Bell  
President

Local 6020



**MEDIA OUTLET:** NBC Miami (Channel 6)

**HEADLINE:** Broward Sheriff's Union Wants to Stop Miami Dolphins Security Details

**BYLINE:** Staff Report

**LINK:** <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Broward-Sheriffs-Union-Wants-to-Stop-Miami-Dolphins-Security-Details-393787391.html>

**STORY:** The head of the Broward County's sheriff's union wants to end police escorts for the Miami Dolphins and is asking members to decline any assignments associated with the team in response to players taking a knee during the national anthem at a game last week.

In a letter Friday, President of the Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Association Jeff Bell called for the "immediate" end of team-sponsored escorts and demanded a code of conduct by the Dolphins and the NFL against players kneeling during the "Star Spangled Banner."

"As a law enforcement union, we certainly encourage people to exercise their constitutional right of freedom of speech," Bell wrote. "However, in certain professions, an individual's freedom of speech must take a back seat to the organization or government entity that they choose to represent."

The call comes after four Dolphins players — Arian Foster, Michael Thomas, Jelani Jenkins and Kenny Stills — knelt during the anthem at last Sunday's game against the Seahawks in Seattle. The players were following the lead of San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who said he began the practice in preseason games as a silent protest to denounce police brutality and the oppression of black people in America.

"I can not fathom why the Miami Dolphin organization and the NFL would allow the blatant disrespect of the American flag and what it stands for during the national anthem. It is a privilege to play in the NFL, not a given constitutional right," Bell wrote.

NBC 6 reached out to the Dolphins for a statement Friday but the team declined to comment. Dolphins owner Stephen Ross said Sunday that he stands by his players.

"I don't think it was any lack of respect," Ross said. "I think everybody here, our team and our whole organization, respects the flag and what it stands for, the soldiers and everything. These guys are really making a conversation of something that's a very important topic in this country and I'm 100 percent supportive of them."

Bell added that law enforcement officials often put themselves at risk while providing escorts, and said some have lost their lives protecting the same people protesting against police officers.

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**MEDIA OUTLET:** FOX Miami (Channel 7)

**HEADLINE:** Dwyane Wade bikes with police to promote unity in Miami

**BYLINE:** Associated Press

**LINK:** <http://wsvn.com/sports/dwyane-wade-bikes-with-police-to-promote-unity-in-miami/>

**STORY:** MIAMI (AP) — Dwyane Wade still plans to do plenty of talking about the need for societal change, a quest that became even more personal for him after one of his cousins was shot and killed last month on a Chicago street.

Talk, he knows, isn't enough.

"Actions," he said, "speak louder than words."

So Wade took action on Saturday morning. Back in Miami — his former home, the city where he played for the first 13 years of his NBA career — Wade hopped on a bicycle for a six-mile ride through the streets to promote unity. Alongside him were Miami police officers, who quickly threw their support behind the event when Wade came up with the idea.

"I really reached out to the police department for them to be a part of this, to really drive home unity with the police as well in the community," said Wade, who had hundreds of fans and supporters wake up early to join him as well. "I think today was a good step in the right direction for everyone who came out here."

He was joined on the ride by former Heat teammate Udonis Haslem. Wade and Haslem played for all three Heat teams that won NBA championships.

"He's always going to be a part of my situation, I'm always going to be a part of his situation and he's always going to be a part for Miami," Haslem said. "He's done a lot for this city. He's done a lot for this city, he's done a lot for me, so we appreciate him and no matter where he is or where he goes we will continue to support him because we're family."

Even though Wade is changing teams, he's in no hurry to close the Miami chapter of his life.

He's squeezing in some Miami time before his first training camp with the Chicago Bulls opens later this month. He went to a birthday party on Thursday for a longtime friend and associate, was back in his former home arena on Friday for a concert and then was welcomed by plenty of Wade-shirt-wearing Heat fans on Saturday.

"This community's been a part of me for 13 years and if it's a part of you for that long, it's a part of you forever," Wade said. "So I always want to do what I can in different ways to help uplift certain communities that have been special and important to me."

He arranged for a billboard to go up near downtown Miami in recent days with a "thank you" message to fans.

“It’s me saying, as humbly as I can, just thank you,” Wade said. “Thank you for 13 years of support and the highs and the lows and everything in between. There’s nothing more I can say but that. ... I came here, 21 years old, just to play basketball. Along the way this city just became a part of my family, became a part of me.”

That’s one reason why he said the bike ride — and other unity-promoting events — might be on his agenda for future Miami trips.

“It was really a focal point of ours to make sure that all shapes, sizes, colors get together and enjoy life together,” Wade said. “Just thankful we could do that and do something that I enjoy doing, riding bikes through the community.”

**MEDIA OUTLET:** FOX Miami (Channel 7)

**HEADLINE:** BSO deputies union president requests end to security detail for Miami Dolphins

**BYLINE:** Associated Press

**LINK:** <http://wsvn.com/news/local/bs0-deputies-union-president-requests-end-to-security-detail-for-miami-dolphins/>

**STORY:** PLANTATION, FLA. (WSVN) - After several Miami Dolphins players kneeled during the national anthem at a game against the Seattle Seahawks, the president of the Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Association is requesting that BSO stop providing security detail for the team.

BSO Deputies Association president Jeffrey Bell was not happy to see four Miami Dolphins player kneel during the national anthem at the Sept. 11 game against the Seattle Seahawks. "The national anthem is a show of respect. It's not too much to ask an individual to remain standing for two minutes," Bell said. "I'm torn personally. I do recognize the importance of freedom of speech in the constitutional rights that everybody enjoys."

Bell said he was disappointed at the actions of the players, and as a result, the president of the union that represents more than 1,300 BSO deputies and sergeants, has asked BSO to stop providing security detail for the players.

In a memo to BSO higher-ups, Bell wrote, "In certain professions, an individual's freedom of speech must take a back seat to the organization or government entity that they choose to represent."

The memo goes on to read, "I cannot fathom why the Miami Dolphin Organization and the NFL would allow the blatant disrespect of the American flag and what it stands for during the national anthem."

"It is absolutely a privilege to be one of the selected few that get put up on a pedestal to play on TV and make millions of dollars for simply playing a game," Bell said.

Demonstrations like those of the Dolphins players began after San Francisco 49ers player Colin Kaepernick sat during the national anthem in protest against racism in the country.

"It's easy for you to just sit here and say, 'Just shut up you stupid [expletive],' rather than saying, 'Why do you feel like that? And if you do feel like that, tell me more about it,'" said Dolphins player Arian Foster.

Dolphins owner Stephen Ross supports his players. "These guys are really making a conversation on something that's a really important topic in this country, and I'm 100 percent supportive of them," he said.

However, Bell said he and many of his deputies are not supportive of the way the Dolphins players chose to protest. "I respect their right, however, I think there's a better venue they can express it on instead of on a football field where it's a privilege to play there," he said.

Bell expects to hear back from BSO next week.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** ABC Miami (Channel 10)

**HEADLINE:** Hollywood offers police academy course to residents

**BYLINE:** ABC Miami

**LINK:** <http://www.local10.com/news/florida/hollywood/hollywood-offers-police-academy-course-to-residents->

**STORY:** HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - Hollywood residents who want to learn more about the day-today operations of a police department can enroll in a 12-week citizen's academy with Hollywood police.

The course comes with a \$40 price tag and includes lessons on police procedures, responsibilities, guidelines, policies and laws.

Participants will also get the opportunity to participate in an interactive firearms simulator, go on a ride-along with an officer and watch demonstrations from various units, including the canine unit and crime scene investigation units.

"It's an excellent opportunity for residents and business owners to get a behind-the-scenes and real-life look into the Hollywood Police Department," Hollywood police spokeswoman Miranda Grossman said.

The department started the program in an effort to build and strengthen the police department's relationship with the community, promote an understanding of the department, and to enhance crime prevention and community outreach.

"Over the years some of the participants have gone on to become officers and volunteers," Grossman said.

Sessions will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday from Sept. 29 to Dec. 15 and citizens at the Hollywood Police Department, 3250 Hollywood Blvd.

For more information about enrollment call 954-967-4371 or email Tracey Thomas at TThomas@HollywoodFL.org.