



# City of Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

## MEDIA RELEASE



**PIO Number:** 22-05

**Police Case Number:** 37-2203-009233

**Event:** Officer Involved Shooting

**Place of Occurrence:** 100 Rock Island Rd. Margate, FL 33063

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** March 27, 2022 at 1246 hours

**PIO/Releasing Authority:** Sgt. William Snyder

**Investigator:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

**Release Date:** March 27, 2022

### Summary of Incident

On Sunday, March 27, 2022, at approximately 12:46 p.m., Margate Police officers responded to the 100 block of Rock Island Road regarding a person pointing a firearm at citizens. Officers arrived on scene and made contact with a male suspect later identified as Jose Antonio Suarez, 82, of the City of Margate. During this contact, officers observed Suarez waving the firearm and shooting into the ground. Despite several commands by officers to drop the weapon, Suarez pointed the firearm at officers, which resulted in an officer discharging their weapon. Suarez sustained a gunshot wound.

Officers rendered aid to Suarez and requested Margate Fire Rescue to the scene. Suarez succumbed to his injury and was pronounced deceased on scene. No officers or citizens were injured during the incident. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) responded to the scene and is the lead investigative agency. The officer that discharged their weapon has been placed on administrative leave pursuant to standard policy of the Margate Police Department.