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## Trooper slain on I-95 was doing paperwork



Florida Highway Patrol trooper Joseph Bullock, 42, is seen on his dashcam during his first encounter with Franklin Reed III, of Palm Bay, along Interstate 95 near Palm City on Feb. 5. Bullock returned about an hour later and was allegedly shot by Reed as the officer was doing paperwork while a tow truck driver was trying to aid Reed. [PHOTO PROVIDED BY HIGHWAY PATROL]

### No proof Joseph Bullock saw what was coming or could have prevented it, Martin sheriff says

By Will Greenlee and Sara Marino  
TCPalm.com

STUART — The Palm Bay man accused of killing a state trooper fired at the officer at point-blank range as he sat in his patrol car, then turned and aimed at a tow truck driver on Feb. 5, Martin County Sheriff's William Snyder said.

"The gun jammed, by way on a miracle," Snyder said.

Those were some of the new details released Friday afternoon when the sheriff's office provided a 20-minute reconstruction of the events surrounding the fatal shooting of Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Joseph Bullock using 911 recordings, dashcam and helicopter footage.

Recordings obtained by TCPalm from the sheriff's office of motorists calling 911 from Interstate 95 that morning reveal their confusion and concerns during events leading up to and after the fatal shooting. During one man's

call, gunfire can be heard.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, Martin County sheriff's detectives and Florida Highway Patrol officials attended the news conference.

Moody led off the conference by praising Bullock's life of service.

"He wanted to be a cop since he was five years old," Moody said. "Our state is still grieving."

Bullock, 42, a 19-year FHP veteran, was fatally shot by a man identified as Franklin Reed III of Palm Bay, after the trooper stopped south of State Road 714 to help Reed, a disabled motorist. Snyder said Bullock was sitting in his patrol car at the time, either with the door or window open. His body was found on the ground beside his driver's side door.

Reed then was shot by Riviera Beach police Detective Jemel Headings, who happened upon the scene.

Snyder said Headings was on his way to work south on I-95 when he noticed the commotion on the northbound side. Headings turned around and approached the



Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Joseph Bullock was fatally shot on Feb. 5 along Interstate 95 in Martin County. [PHOTO PROVIDED BY FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL]

scene. Snyder said Reed fired twice at Headings but missed.

When Headings fired back, he struck Reed in the chest, the sheriff's office said. Reed then fired one more shot — but at himself — in the head, Snyder said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

"Detective Headings' justifiable actions undoubtedly prevented further violence and an armed confrontation between responding Martin County deputies and Reed," Snyder said.

The sheriff's office displayed dashboard camera video from Bullock's patrol car. It showed Bullock's initial approach to Reed's car at about 9:09 a.m.

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## Teen arrested in fatal shooting outside church

### Derrick Peoples is accused of turning killer's gun on him after Riviera funeral

By Olivia Hitchcock  
The Palm Beach Post

RIVIERA BEACH — Cameras along West 20th Street seemingly captured every angle of the deadly

melee outside a funeral Feb. 1 in Riviera Beach.

The videos showed three

gunmen use two guns to fire a total of 12 shots, leaving two dead and now, one person facing a murder charge.

On Feb. 13, U.S. Marshals arrested 19-year-old Derrick Peoples in Gainesville. He was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail on Friday on a homicide charge in the shooting death of 47-year-old Royce Freeman.

Police say Freeman was the one who killed 15-year-old Terrance "TeeJay" Jackson Jr., a Greenacres-area native and a promising football player at Deerfield Beach High School who skipped a college tour that weekend to deliver a eulogy at his grandfather's funeral.

The single, "execution-style" shot Peoples reportedly fired into Freeman's temple using Freeman's own gun was the final round in a two-minute hail of gunfire outside Victory City Church following a service

for Jackson's grandfather, RC Taylor.

"From the bottom of my heart, I can't thank Mr. Peoples enough," Terrance's mother, Troncia Jackson, said Friday. "If it wasn't for him, I would have been dead myself."

Jackson said that during the argument outside the church, she heard a woman direct Freeman — whom Jackson's family said had not been invited to the funeral — to grab a gun.

Though police records indicate that surveillance footage showed Freeman and the teenager fighting before the shooting, Jackson claims Freeman almost immediately fired a bullet into her teenage son's neck.

She said his gun appeared to jam, causing a few seconds of delay between Freeman's first shot and his second, fired into the air.

"I was trying to get the bullet out and I couldn't," Jackson told previously The Post. "The police came and they began to do compressions and I was feeling for a pulse, but all I could see was them pushing on my baby's chest."

Paramedics began to take Terrance to an ambulance, but Jackson said she knew it was too late to save him.

"I kept telling them, 'Just let me hold my baby,'" she said.

Terrance died days before what would have been his 16th birthday, hours after delivering a eulogy full of lighthearted tales about his

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## Number of homes for sale in county plunges

### January inventory down 21% from 2019; prices up 6.8%

By Jeff Ostrowski  
The Palm Beach Post

The supply of homes for sale in Palm Beach County is falling sharply, a trend that could create upward pressure on prices.

The inventory of homes listed with Realtors plunged 21% in January compared to January 2019, according to the Broward, Palm Beaches & St. Lucie Realtors.

Just 6,347 houses were on the market last month, barely a four-month supply, Realtors said Friday. Housing economists consider anything less than a six-month supply to be a seller's market, meaning buyers face a disadvantage.

The typical Palm Beach County house sold by an agent traded for \$363,000

in January, down from \$364,000 in December. That represents a jump of 6.8% from January 2019.

Meanwhile, home sales rose to 1,094, a 29% spike from January 2019, Realtors said.

"The fact that listings are down by 21% versus a year ago speaks to the shortage of supply relative to demand, and explains the continued upward pressure on home prices," said real estate analyst Brad Hunter, managing director at RCLCO. "The median home price went up 6.8% over the past 12 months, much faster than at the national level."

Carolina Buia Barefoot, an agent at One Sotheby's Realty in Palm Beach Gardens, said she's seeing retirees and younger families moving to the area from out of state

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## Wells Fargo to pay \$3B fine in fake-accounts scandal

### Bank reaches deal with DOJ and SEC on criminal, civil charges

By Renae Merle  
The Washington Post

Wells Fargo on Friday agreed to pay \$3 billion to settle potential federal criminal and civil charges that for more than a decade the bank's aggressive sales goals led to widespread consumer abuses, including millions of accounts opened without customers' consent.

Under its settlement with the U.S. Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Wells

Fargo acknowledged that it collected millions of dollars in fees as thousands of employees falsified records, forged signatures and misused customers' personal information in order to meet unrealistic sales goals. Bank leaders knew of the misbehavior but didn't stop it, according to the Justice Department.

"This case illustrates a complete failure of leadership at multiple levels within" Wells Fargo, U.S. Attorney Nick Hanna for the Central District of California, said in a statement. "Simply put, Wells Fargo traded its hard-earned reputation for short-term profits, and harmed untold

numbers of customers along the way."

The \$3 billion fine, which is about 15% of Wells Fargo's \$19.5 billion in profits last year, is among the largest corporate penalties reached during the Trump administration.

Among the country's largest and most profitable banks, Wells Fargo has struggled to overcome the sales scandal, which ballooned as the bank admitted to other consumer abuses, including mistakenly foreclosing on hundreds of clients and repossessing the cars of thousands

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# ACCENT



In the newly opened Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach in West Palm Beach, New York City designer Sara Magness' Japanese-inspired master study features a wall of blue-lacquered shelves, a central day bed and a ceiling covered in a custom Gracie wallpaper depicting a koi pond. [PHOTOS BY NICKOLAS SARGENT PHOTOGRAPHY, COURTESY KIPS BAY DECORATOR SHOW HOUSE PALM BEACH]

## In living colors

Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach is bright and alive, thanks to vision of creative designers

By Christine Davis | Palm Beach Daily News



An animal-print wallcovering and Hawaiian Mission-style furnishings lend an exotic air to the upstairs study designed by Leta Foster & Associates of Palm Beach. Note the wood-grained wallpaper on the ceiling.

A visit to the Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach might bring to mind an adage: "If only the walls could talk." And those walls would

likely have a lot to say, whether their statements were moody or cheery, calm or colorful — or somewhere in-between.

For that, you can thank more than a dozen designers who have drenched the walls of

their rooms in color and pattern at the third annual show house, the centerpiece of an estate near the waterfront in West Palm Beach. The fundraiser continues

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## Author: O'Connor 'believed in art of the possible'

By Jan Sjostrom  
Palm Beach Daily News

Sandra Day O'Connor, the country's first female Supreme Court justice, wasn't overly generous with her praise.

In fact, one year her law clerks posted a photocopy of her palm on the wall along with a note that read "If you want a pat on the back, lean here."

O'Connor took the joke in stride and once even walked a clerk up to it and leaned him against the hand print.

That was just one of the many anecdotes Evan Thomas and his wife, Oscie, shared about O'Connor during their talk Tuesday at The Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach.

Evan Thomas, a former Time and Newsweek editor and journalist, is the author of 10 books, including the 2019 biography "First: Sandra Day O'Connor, an Intimate Portrait of the First Woman Supreme Court Justice." His wife collaborates with him as a



Evan Thomas, author of "First: Sandra Day O'Connor, an Intimate Portrait of the First Woman Supreme Court Justice," spoke Tuesday at The Society of the Four Arts. [DAMON HIGGINS/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

researcher and editor. For the O'Connor biography, the Thomases

interviewed 350 people, including seven Supreme Court justices and 94 law

clerks. They even scoured the court's storage room, where they found love letters

not only from O'Connor's husband, John, but also 14 from former Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist, who courted her when they were in law school.

O'Connor grew up on a remote 160,000-acre cattle ranch in Arizona. She was just 6 when her parents sent her to live with her grandmother in El Paso so that she could attend a private school. At 16, she enrolled at Stanford University.

She graduated from law school near the top of her class in 1952, but landed only one job interview. That was with the Los Angeles law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

"They asked her 'How well do you type?'" Evan Thomas said. "She said 'So-so.' She couldn't even get a job as a legal secretary."

O'Connor got her revenge, though. Thirty years later, then General States Attorney General William French Smith, a

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