



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Enforcement Action Statistical Analysis and Reporting System (E-STAR)

### Incident Report

Current Status: ☒ Completed    ☐ Active    ☐ Ready for review    ☐ Rejected    ☐ Deleted

#### INCIDENT INFORMATION

E-STAR incident ID: LES #25682

Title: Operation Midway Blitz: Hit and Run OFO

Incident date/time: 10/03/2025 10:15

Type: ☒ Assault against CBP personnel    ☒ Reportable use of force    FTY/Vehicle pursuit by a CBP employee

Unintentional firearm discharge    Intentional firearm discharge

Was this a mass encounter incident?    Yes    ☒ No

Reporting organization: Office of Field Operations

Created by: BURGESS, HOLLIE ANN

Creation date/time: 10/03/2025 12:32

Last updated by: ORNELAS, ERAZMO V.

Last updated date/time: 10/06/2025 09:08

Reviewer: ORNELAS, ERAZMO V

Date reviewed: 10/06/2025

#### RELATED SYSTEMS: 3

Is there IDVRS footage (Evidence Serial Number) associated with this incident?    ☒ Yes    ☐ No

IDVRS Evidence Serial Numbers: 3	
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#### INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS

Organization/type	Component/agency
Reporting organization:	
CBP	OFO

Were other CBP components/external agencies involved?    Yes    ☒ No

#### LOCATION/ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Incident location/AOR: Chicago Field Operations / Chicago

Country/international waters: United States of America

Address:

Street: Kedzie Ave. and W 71st Street

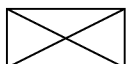
City: Chicago    State: ILLINOIS    Zip:

Incident coordinates:

Latitude: 41.76441

Longitude: -87.70283

Setting:



Indoors ☒ OutdoorsOutdoor setting: ☒ On land In water (standing or swimming) On water (in vessel) In the air

Description of the premises/location: On the road in the vicinity of Kedzie Ave. and W 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois.

## Environmental factors:

Weather: ☒ Dry Raining Snowing Flooding Windy Storm Haze/blowing dust Fog OtherIllumination: ☒ Daylight Dark Dawn Dusk Good lighting Poor lighting Night vision aided Other

Estimated temperature (Fahrenheit): 85

## NOTIFICATIONS

## CBP personnel notified:

Name	Affiliation/job title	Notification manner	Notification date
CHEVALIER, JOSEPH H		Phone	10/03/2025
ORNELAS, ERAZMO V		Phone	10/03/2025

Other authorities notified (external to CBP): Federal Tribal State Local Foreign

## EMPLOYEES: 3

Name: DANDROY, BRENT E.

Gender: Male Age: 37 Height: 5'11" Weight: 200 pounds

CBP employee series or role: Officer/Agent

Service EOD: 10/20/2014

Duty location or detail/TDY location during the incident: Office of Field Operations / Seattle Field Operations

Duty (or detail/TDY) location EOD: 09/17/2025

Duty status at the time of the incident: ☒ On duty Off duty

Activity: Special Operations

## Armed law enforcement experience:

Total law enforcement experience at the time of the incident: 11 years 0 months

CBP training previously received (not including basic academy training):

BPAIST	BORSTAR	BORTAC	DITP	DTI
EDVPTP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMT	FITP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LLITP (IFITP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MFF
MRT	PITP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SRT	TATP	Other

Wearing body armor? ☒ Yes NoAttire: ☒ Uniform Plain clothesWas DANDROY, BRENT E. assaulted? ☒ Yes NoDid DANDROY, BRENT E. use reportable force? Yes ☒ NoWas DANDROY, BRENT E. injured? Yes ☒ No

Name: LA COLLA, JOSEPH X.

Gender: Male Age: 37 Height: 5'9" Weight: 180 pounds

CBP employee series or role: Officer/Agent

Service EOD: 10/23/2008

Duty location or detail/TDY location during the incident: Office of Field Operations / Buffalo Field Operations

Duty (or detail/TDY) location EOD: 09/17/2025

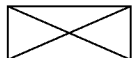
Duty status at the time of the incident: ☒ On duty Off duty

Activity: Special Operations

## Armed law enforcement experience:

Total law enforcement experience at the time of the incident: 17 years 0 months

CBP training previously received (not including basic academy training):



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MRT	PITP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SRT	TATP	Other

Wearing body armor? ☒ Yes No

Attire: ☒ Uniform Plain clothes

Was LA COLLA, JOSEPH X. assaulted? ☒ Yes No

Did LA COLLA, JOSEPH X. use reportable force? ☒ Yes No

Force type: Less-lethal Device

Device: PLS (PepperBall Launching System)

Device type: PAVA (area saturation)

Posture: Standing Kneeling Prone ☒ Other - SITTING

Estimated distance: 12 yards

Approximately how many volleys did you deploy? 3

Approximately how many projectiles did you deploy? 5

Reason(s) for this use of force:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect self	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect co-worker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect innocent 3rd party
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect non-CBP officer/agent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effect an arrest or detention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevent escape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overcome resistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stop vehicle	Vessel failure to heave to
Animal euthanization	Other	

Was LA COLLA, JOSEPH X. injured? Yes ☒ No

Name: HARFOUCHE, JUSTIN P.

Gender: Male Age: 30 Height: 6'2" Weight: 195 pounds

CBP employee series or role: Officer/Agent

Service EOD: 02/04/2018

Duty location or detail/TDY location during the incident: Office of Field Operations / Buffalo Field Operations

Duty (or detail/TDY) location EOD: 09/17/2025

Duty status at the time of the incident: ☒ On duty Off duty

Activity: Special Operations

Armed law enforcement experience:

Total law enforcement experience at the time of the incident: 7 years 0 months

CBP training previously received (not including basic academy training):

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MRT	PITP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SRT	TATP	Other

Wearing body armor? ☒ Yes No

Attire: ☒ Uniform Plain clothes

Was HARFOUCHE, JUSTIN P. assaulted? ☒ Yes No

Did HARFOUCHE, JUSTIN P. use reportable force? Yes ☒ No

Was HARFOUCHE, JUSTIN P. injured? Yes ☒ No

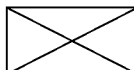
## SUBJECTS: 1

Name: ALVAREZ GONZALEZ, ANTHONY

Gender: Male Date of birth: ☒ PII 1998 Height: 5'5" Weight: 180 pounds

Attire: ☒ Civilian Paramilitary Police Nude Unknown

Was the subject wearing body armor?



Yes No ☒ Unknown

Immigration status: U.S. Citizen

Country of citizenship: United States of America

Was there an apparent or known mental impairment (E.g., mental illness/alcohol/drugs) in the condition of the subject?

Yes ☒ No

Subject's activity:

- Illegal entry
- Uncooperative during encounter/inspection
- Failure to yield/heave to
- Checkpoint runner
- Port runner
- Alien smuggling
- Narcotics smuggling
- Scouting
- Assault (rocks/other projectiles)
- ☒ Assault (all other types)
- Rioting/civil disturbance
- Mass coordinated entry
- No suspected illegal activity
- Other

Subject's current location and disposition if known: In federal custody for assault on a federal officer.

Did this subject assault a CBP employee? ☒ Yes NoWas the subject outside the US or its territories when committing the assault? Yes ☒ No

Weapon(s)/type of assault:

Assault method: Vehicle

Was reportable force used on this subject? ☒ Yes NoWas the subject outside the US or its territories when this force was applied? Yes ☒ NoWas the subject an occupant of a vehicle? ☒ Yes NoDid CBP deploy a VID against a vehicle when this subject was driving it? Yes ☒ NoWas this subject arrested / taken into custody? ☒ Yes NoArrested / taken into custody by: CBP ☒ Other federal agency State agency Local agencyWas prosecution sought against this subject? ☒ Yes NoProsecution By: CBP ☒ Other federal agency State agency Local agencyWas this subject injured or claiming to be injured? Yes ☒ No Unknown

## VEHICLE INFORMATION

## SUBJECT VEHICLE - 1

How many individuals were in this subject vehicle? 1

Vehicle make: FORD

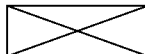
Vehicle model: F350

Vehicle year: 2006

Vehicle type: Pickup

Total damage to the vehicle (not including tire damage): Minimal/cosmetic

Final disposition of the vehicle: Vehicle escaped



Occupants in vehicle	Name	Role in vehicle
Yes	ALVAREZ GONZALEZ, ANTHONY	Driver

**ASSAULTS: 3**

Subject	Weapon/type of assault	Was this assault committed against this employee?	Was the employee injured by the assault?
ALVAREZ GONZALEZ, ANTHONY	Vehicle	DANDROY, BRENT E. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No	Not injured in this incident
		LA COLLA, JOSEPH X. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No	Not injured in this incident
		HARFOUCHE, JUSTIN P. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No	Not injured in this incident

**USES OF FORCE: 1**

Employee	Employee's use of force (UOF)	Subject(s) / UOF information
LA COLLA, JOSEPH X.	PLS (PepperBall Launching System) - PAVA (area saturation)	<b>Subject:</b> ALVAREZ GONZALEZ, ANTHONY <b>Was this subject injured or claiming to be injured by this use of force?</b> Not injured in this incident <b>Was this use of force in response to the following assault by this subject?</b> Vehicle - Yes <b>Was this use of force effective against what prompted its use?</b> Yes <b>Did the UOF device function as designed?</b> Yes

**BYSTANDER INJURY/COLLATERAL DAMAGE: 0**

Did this incident result in collateral property damage? Yes ☒ No

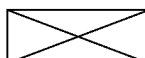
Did this incident result in collateral injury to a bystander? Yes ☒ No

**WITNESSES: 0****NARRATIVE****Narrative of HARFOUCHE, JUSTIN P.**

## Introduction

I, Justin Harfouche, am a Customs and Border Protection Special Response Team (SRT) Operator as part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Special Operations Division (SOD). I have served in this position since 2021 as well as a Customs and Border Protection Officer from 2018 to present. I am an SRT Operator and successfully completed the SRT Basic Selection Course and Critical Skills Course in 2021. I have received numerous and continuous on the job training in law enforcement operations involving use of force applications, both less than lethal and deadly force, as well as other enforcement tactics and procedures. I have a current Less Lethal Instructor certification, which I obtained in 2023.

On October 3rd, 2025, I was deployed to Chicago, Illinois, as part of a multi-agency response for Operation Midway Blitz. I was specifically assigned to patrolling with U.S. Border Patrol as a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) while they perform consensual encounters in attempts to identify and arrest illegal aliens in the United States. I was in a rough duty Special Response Team uniform with law enforcement identifiers, clearly visible, in accordance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Special



Response Team standards.

#### Environmental Conditions

At the time of the incident, the temperature was forecasted to be 88 degrees, with partly cloudy skies. Humidity was approximately 34 percent, and wind at 9 MPH. The terrain consisted of an urban environment.

#### First Observations

At approximately 10:00 a.m., I along with CBP/SRTO LaColla and SCBPO/SOS Dandoy were driving in an unmarked mini-van in the vicinity of W 55th St and S Pulaski Rd in Chicago, Illinois. I was traveling in the rear passenger seat while SOS Dandoy was driving the vehicle and SRTO LaColla was in the front passenger seat. At that approximate time, we were being followed by four to five different vehicles being driven by civilians. Each vehicle was honking their horns, recording with their phones and shouting to the public of our presence.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., a black Ford pickup truck bearing Illinois ID [REDACTED] PII joined the vehicles following us. The truck was being driven by a male, appeared to be in his mid to late 20s, and was the sole occupant of the truck. The truck began to drive erratically and veered in and out of lanes attempting to catch up to us. At that time, we attempted to drive away from the truck for officer and public safety. At approximately 10:21 a.m. the truck hit our passenger side rear panel on purpose causing damage to our vehicle. The contact made with his truck caused me to be thrown from my seat causing pain in my lower right back.

After the first contact between our vehicles, the truck still followed behind us at a high rate of speed as well as attempting to get in front of us to possibly cause a motor vehicle accident. Shortly after, the truck hit our vehicle again on the driver's side rear bumper causing damage.

#### Force Used

We believed that this truck was not going to stop following our vehicle and would cause significant damage to our vehicle as well as injury to myself and my fellow SRTOs. As we continued to flee from the truck, still driving erratically and aggressively, I handed SRTO LaColla a Pepperball Launching System (PLS) used for less than lethal force. The PLS contained projectiles with PAVA powder used as an irritant. In an attempt to get the truck away from our vehicle for our safety, the PLS was used to launch projectiles at the truck's windshield. After the PLS was used the truck had stopped and we had kept driving. We lost visual of the vehicle in the vicinity of Marquette Park, Chicago, Illinois. Afterwards, we went to the nearest police station, Chicago Police Department, 6th Precinct at 7808 S Halstead St. Chicago, Illinois where we filed an accident report.

#### Post-Incident

Due to the two contacts between our vehicle and the Ford pickup we believed that we were not only going to sustain vehicle damage, but also in immediate danger and prone to serious bodily injury or possibly death therefore, less lethal force was applied via PLS with positive results.

My Body Worn Camera (BWC) captured approximately 7 minutes of the encounter with the Ford pickup truck. The BWC captured the vehicle to vehicle contact while driving as well as the PLS deployment. Evidence ID [REDACTED] LES

### Narrative of DANDROY, BRENT E.

#### Introduction

I, Brent Dandoy, am a Customs and Border Protection Special Response Team (SRT) Operator as part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Special Operations Division (SOD). I have served in this position since 2017 as well as a Customs and Border Protection Officer from 2014 to present. I am an SRT Supervisor and successfully completed the SRT Basic Selection Course and Critical Skills Course in 2017. I have received numerous and continuous on the job training in law enforcement operations involving use of force applications, both less than lethal and deadly force, as well as other enforcement tactics and procedures. I have a current Less Lethal Instructor certification, which I obtained in 2024.

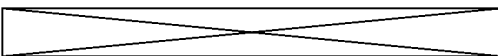
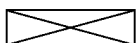
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#### Environmental Conditions

At the time of the incident, the temperature was forecasted to be 88 degrees, with partly cloudy skies. Humidity was approximately 34 percent, and wind at 9 MPH. The terrain consisted of an urban environment.

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#### Post-Incident

Due to the positive results of the Pepperball Launching System we were able to break contact with the subject vehicle and make our way to the Chicago Police station where we made an official police report and got interviewed by FBI about the incident. All notifications were sent up the chain of command and we were ordered to return to base to upload BWC videos and start narrative.

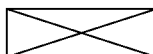
### Narrative of LA COLLA, JOSEPH X.

#### Introduction

I am Customs and Border Protection Special Response Team Operator Joseph LaColla. I have served in this position since 2016. My prior law enforcement experience includes working as a United States Border Patrol Agent from 2008 to 2014, and as a Customs and Border Protection Officer from 2014 to the present. I am an SRT Operator and successfully completed the SRT selection course in 2016. I have received numerous and continuous on-the-job training in law enforcement operations involving both deadly force and less-lethal force applications, as well as other enforcement tactics and procedures. I previously held an LLI certification, which I obtained in 2017 and which has since expired. I have participated in hundreds of search warrants assigned to various entry teams throughout my SRT career.

On September 17th, 2025, I was deployed to Chicago IL for Operation Midway Blitz. Operation Midway Blitz is focused on targeting immigration violators throughout the Illinois. The operation focuses on law enforcement operations in direct support of Presidential Executive Orders while ensuring personnel safety and maintaining tactical control while operating in a confined, civilian-heavy environment.

On October 3, 2025, at approximately 6:00 a.m., I was assigned to a Quick Reaction Force Team (QRF) to a United States Border Patrol Agent Strike Team. My primary responsibility is the safety and protection of Border Patrol Agents operating in the area. My role required maintaining readiness to respond immediately to any escalation, ensuring agent safety and preserving operational integrity in a volatile and hostile environment. I was in a rough duty Special Response Team uniform with law enforcement identifiers, clearly visible, in accordance with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Special Response Team standards.



## Environmental Conditions

At the time of the operation, the temperature was forecasted to reach 82 degrees, with clear skies and sunshine present in the early morning hours. Humidity was approximately 47 percent, and the sun had risen at 6:50 a.m., providing natural daylight to the area. The terrain consisted of urban property.

## Intelligence

Throughout Operation Midway Blitz there has been several documented assaults on various members working under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Throughout the course of the detail our team encountered numerous anti-immigration protestors who actively attempted to block vehicle movements and, on occasions, attacked vehicles transporting personnel.

## Initial Encounter

At approximately 10:00 a.m. we were working in the area S Pulaski Rd and W 55th St in Chicago, IL, 60629. Our Border Patrol Strike Team observed a convoy of four civilian vehicles traveling in a coordinated manner near our area of operations. The vehicles were honking their horns and shouting anti-immigration rhetoric from their windows.

## Actions

Our QRF intercepted the convoy to ensure the safe movement and continued operations of the Border Patrol agents in the vicinity. During this time, a Ford F-250 bearing Illinois registration **PII** registered to Anthony ALVAREZ GONZALEZ, joined the convoy.

The vehicle briefly attempted to block our intersection before repositioning to the rear of the vehicle line. The vehicles actions were disruptive but did not result in physical confrontation or vehicle damage.

As our element continued repositioning away from the Border Patrol agents, Anthony ALVAREZ GONZALEZ began escalating his behavior by attempting to pull alongside our vehicle in an aggressive manor. While travelling eastbound on West 61st St near the intersection of St Louis Ave, I requested an additional QRF team to our location to assist with maintaining security.

## Force Used

While traveling south on S Kadzie Avenue Anthony ALVAREZ GONZALEZ continued to escalate his aggressive and violent behavior. At approximately 10:21 a.m. the vehicle intentionally struck our unmarked mini van on the passenger-side rear wheel area in what appeared to be an attempt to conduct a Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) maneuver against our vehicle. While continuing southbound on S Kadzie Ave. the Ford F-250 again struck our unmarked minivan, this time contacting the driver side rear bumper. Both impacts were intentional, and the vehicles deliberate, and repeated ramming actions placed federal officers inside our vehicle in immediate danger of serious bodily injury or death. All SRT officers inside the vehicle were injured during this incident. Anthony ALVAREZ GONZALEZ intentional use of his vehicle in this manner constitutes an assault on federal officers.

I requested immediate backup from all available units in order to attempt to arrest the driver, Anthony ALVAREZ GONZALEZ, for assault on a federal officer, in violation of title 18 USC 111.

Immediately after contact was made, our vehicle turned eastbound from S Kadzie Avenue onto W Marquette Rd. At this time, I requested SRTO Justin Harfouche to hand me the PepperBall Launching System (PLS). While SRTO Dandoy continued driving east on W Marquette Rd. I deployed approximately twenty-five (25) PAVA projectiles toward the suspect vehicle, including multiple direct impacts to the hood, windshield and into the driver window. I deployed the PAVA projectiles from inside of our vehicle through the front passenger side window while SRTO Dandoy maintained control of the vehicle and continued driving eastbound. The positioning provided a clear and safe line of sight toward the suspect vehicle allowing me to deliver accurate and



controlled projectiles. My intent deploying the PAVA projectiles was to deter furtherance of assaultive behavior and create distance between our vehicle and the suspect vehicle to prevent additional collisions.

#### Post-Incident

Due to the positive results of the PepperBall Launching System we were able to break contact with the subject vehicle. The vehicle stopped at the intersection of W Marquette Rd and S Sacramento Ave. and ceased ramming our vehicle. We then made our way to the Chicago Police station where we made an official police report and got interviewed by FBI about the incident. All notifications were sent up the chain of command and we were ordered to return to base to upload BWC videos and start narrative.

The vehicle ramming caused injury to all 3 SRTOs in the vehicle. CA-1s will be filed.

My BWC was not active during the deployment.

#### Addenda/Comments

-- HOLLIE ANN BURGESS, 10-04-2025 19:30

#### FILE ATTACHMENTS

##### File names:

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LES	PG
LES	JPG

LEADS- ALVAREZ.pdf

ID PHOTO- ALVAREZ.pdf

To view these documents refer to the on-line version of this incident report or contact LESC staff.

#### STATUS HISTORY

Action	By	Date	Comments
Submitted	BURGESS, HOLLIE ANN	10/06/2025 08:26	
Approved	ORNELAS, ERAZMO V.	10/06/2025 09:08	

