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Darryl Stokes, Martin County Sheriff's Office deputy and range master, left, screams directions, as well as other words and noises to distract and stress out Detective Jason Ward, center, and Deputy Felipe Jose, as they move through a training exercise at the Sheriff's Office shooting range in Palm City.

Deputies trained to 'think quick'

Martin County law enforcers learn how to handle threatening situations

BY GABRIEL MARGASAK
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STUART — The bank robber holding a gun on the teller was an easy choice — shoot to kill.

Pulling a Taser on the woman arguing a traffic ticket was the wrong move — she came out shooting.

For a civilian, having to make those split-second decisions afforded a rare glimpse into mandatory "use of force" training that teaches sheriff's deputies deadly accuracy yet life-affirming restraint. Martin County Sheriff's Office instructors allowed a reporter to participate in two "shoot/don't shoot"

training classes in the wake of an all-too-real traffic stop in Ocean Breeze Park.

Knowing how to move up the scale of force was highlighted in that case where a grand jury this week cleared Deputy Brian Youngblood of killing a motorist who attacked him March 7. Youngblood progressed from verbal commands, to a physical fight, to a Taser and finally a gun to stop his own beating.

The training scenarios conveyed the sense of the unknown faced by law enforcement officers and

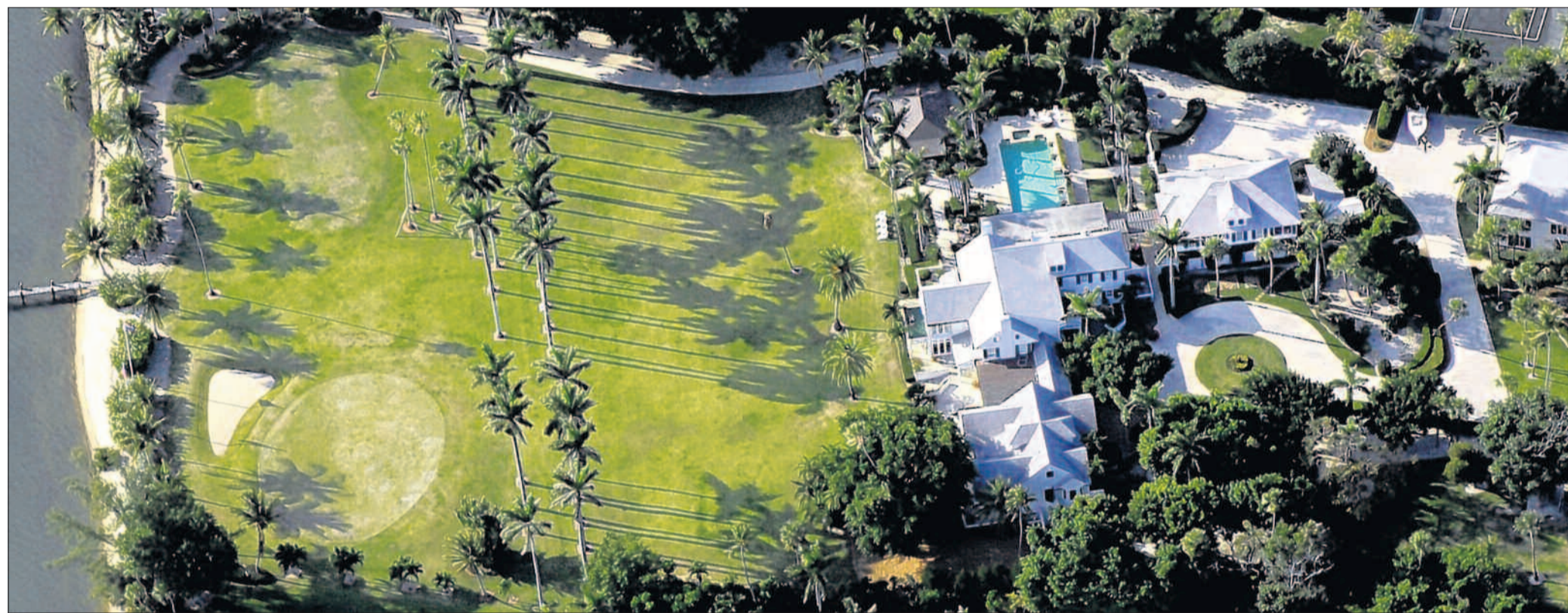
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ABOUT THIS STORY

Martin County Sheriff's Office instructors put Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers reporter Gabriel Margasak through two classes deputies go through to teach them when to shoot and when not to shoot in threatening situations. One was a computer simulation that resembled a video game and the second was a live-fire exercise on the gun range.

ON TCPALM.COM: Watch a clip of the "shoot/don't shoot" training on the Sheriff's Office gun range.

Normans' estate could fetch \$30M



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This aerial photo shows Greg and Laura Norman's 7-acre Jupiter Island estate that stretches between the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway. The home is on the sales block and Realtors say it could fetch much more than its \$22 million appraised value.

Jupiter Island mansion reportedly on market as golfer, wife divorce

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STUART — In the midst of their stormy divorce, Greg and Laura Norman's 7-acre Jupiter Island mansion, Tranquility, has hit the real estate market and could fetch as much as \$30 million.

If it's not featured on the Realtors' multiple listing service now, it will be shortly, said John Scarola, Laura Norman's attorney.

Greg Norman's attorney, Martin L. Haines, would not confirm the home is for sale, but said no "issues" in the divorce are completely settled.



Norman

According to the Martin County Property Appraiser's Office, the home is valued at \$22 million. But several local Realtors who specialize in luxury real estate say the "magnificent" home could sell for closer to \$30 million.

Stretching from the Intracoastal Waterway to a private beach on the ocean, the Beach Road property boasts five buildings, the largest a 9,287-square-foot, seven-bedroom, nine-bathroom house built in 1902, according to property records. The

Normans bought the entire estate for \$4.9 million in May 1991.

According to court documents filed by Haines, proceeds from the sale likely would go to Laura Norman, who has lived there alone since before her husband filed for divorce on June 26.

"The wife's allegation of her need to receive exclusive possession, interest and title to the marital home is inconsistent with the wife's stated intention to sell the marital home," Haines wrote in a counterclaim filed Jan. 29. "The wife has caused the

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Staff graphic

THE NORMAN JUPITER ISLAND ESTATE, TRANQUILITY

- More than 7 acres on South Beach Road
- Consists of five buildings with 15,826 square feet of total living space
- Nine bedrooms and 14 bathrooms
- Front yard view of the ocean. Backyard view of the Intracoastal Waterway
- A private dock, a tennis court, outdoor pool and a small golfing area
- Bought in 1991 for \$4.9 million

Turnpike slayings suspects arraigned

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The case against two men accused of killing a family of four on Florida's Turnpike might heat up in the next month as the government completes its testing of evidence and could announce whether it will seek the death penalty.

Ricardo Sanchez, 23, and Daniel Troya, 24, were indicted in the deaths last week and were in federal court in West Palm Beach on Friday for arraignment. They

smiled at family members in the audience and spoke among themselves before they pleaded not guilty to the charges against them, including two crimes — armed carjacking resulting in death and using a firearm in a crime of violence — that could end in execution.

St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara said Sanchez and Troya "killed their leader" when they fired more than 20 rounds into Jose Luis Escobedo, 28, and his family — Yessica, 25, and their

sons, Jose Damien, 4, and Luis Julian, 3 — in October on the side of the turnpike in Port St. Lucie. Escobedo and his brother, a fugitive in Mexico, ran one of the biggest cocaine rings in the "eastern United States," and Yessica worked for the organization, Mascara said.

During an afternoon hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Carlton said his office was preparing a memo for the U.S.

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Sanchez



Troya

New antibiotic warriors found

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Researchers reported Friday they have found four promising antibiotics in chemical families never used before against germs through a novel testing tool that can screen dozens of compounds at once.

The four compounds appear to kill bacteria — at least in a lab dish — as well as several antibiotics now on the market. Because they probably attack bacteria in different ways, germs should take some time to develop resistant strains.

"These represent whole new classes of antibiotic agents," said

Helen Blackwell, lead author of a University of Wisconsin-Madison report on the discoveries published in the journal Chemistry and Biology.

Also, while the most potent compounds were able to kill several dangerous strains of bacteria, the strongest activity was against a highly drug-resistant strain of staph infection (Staphylococcus aureus) that has been plaguing hospitals for years and has recently become common in community settings.

"This is not a problem that is going to go away, and actually it's going to get worse," Blackwell said.



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