

## Child Fatality Summary

**Child's Name:** Matias Tovar-Forero  
Valeria Tovar Forero

**County:** Miami-Dade

**Date of Birth:** 12/19/2012  
12/28/2009

**Date of Death:** 02/08/2022

**Report Number:** 2022-040877

### Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Matias Tovar-Forero	9	Decedent
Valeria Tovar Forero	12	Decedent
Humberto Tovar	41	Father
Jessica Forero	31	Mother

### Circumstances Surrounding Death

On 2/9/2022, the Department received an abuse report following the passing of Matias Tovar-Forero and Valeria Tovar Forero. The report alleges the following: The father shot the two children and then killed himself.

The abuse report lists maltreatments of death, inadequate supervision and physical injury with Valeria Tovar Forero and Matias Tovar-Forero as the alleged victims and Humberto Tovar as the alleged perpetrator.

Both children were born to parents Jessica Forero and Humberto Tovar; Valeria Tovar Forero at North Shore Medical Center and Matias Tovar-Forero at Mount Sinai Medical Center both hospitals located in Miami-Dade County.

During the DCF investigation, the Child Protective Investigator interviewed the mother, law enforcement, the Child Protection Team and collateral contacts. The mother reported that she and the father were married for 13 years and separated 6 months prior to the incident. She also reported that the father was abusive, aggressive and had untreated mental health issues. On 2/8/2020, at approximately 5:30pm, the father called the mother and asked to take the children to dinner. He seemed "calm and pleasant", so the mother agreed. The father picked them up in an Uber. She told the father she would pick up the children at the restaurant however he said he would bring them back. After she finished work, she went to the restaurant, but they had already left. She used the GPS on the children's phone to track them and found out that they were at Publix. She called the children and they told her they were buying candy. She called them at 8:00pm and again at 8:30pm, the children told her that the Uber was coming for them at 8:45pm. She called them one last time and they said they were in the Uber.

The father called her at 9:00pm and said, "you didn't give me another choice", then he hung up. She ran out of the home and followed the GPS to where the children were located. She found the three lifeless bodies. She moved the children's bodies next to each other and tried to administer CPR to both at the same time.

The Miami Dade Police Department concluded their investigation with no arrests as the alleged perpetrator was deceased.

The Miami-Dade Medical Examiner completed an autopsy on both victims. The cause of death for Valeria is listed as gunshot wounds with the manner of death listed as homicide. The cause of death for Matias is listed as gunshot wounds of head and chest seconds with the manner of death listed as homicide.


The Department concluded its investigation with verified findings of death, inadequate supervision and physical injury.

### **Other Children in the Family**

There are no other siblings in the home

### **Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with family**

An October 2021 investigation was closed with not substantiated findings of mental injury. The father was the alleged perpetrator with Valeria as the victim and Matias as a child in the home.

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