

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Amarylliz Medina-Rivera

County: Lake

Date of Birth: 12/14/2016

Date of Death: 06/08/2022

Report Number: 2022-176199

Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Amarylliz Medina-Rivera	5 years old	Child Victim
Anthony Medina	24 years old	Father
Emeleidy Rivera	23 years old	Mother
Cristobal Lozada-Flores	48 years old	Family Friend

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On June 8, 2022, the 5-year-old passed away, along with her parents and an adult family friend, after being involved in a car accident while not being properly restrained.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the following information was provided. The FHP Sgt indicated they were not notified until 3:35 a.m. on June 8, 2022. The approximation of the times comes from cameras from the surrounding homes. The accident occurred at approximately 12:09 a.m.

The father was traveling southbound on CR-561 on a right-hand curve. For unknown reasons the car traveled onto the east grassy shoulder and collided with a large tree on the east shoulder. The impact caused the vehicle's rear to become airborne as it rotated clockwise before landing on top of a wire fence and fence post.

On June 8, 2022, Anthony Medina, Cristobal Lozada-Flores, and Emeleidy Rivera were pronounced deceased on scene at 3:46 a.m. Amarylliz Medina-Rivera was pronounced deceased on scene at 3:50 a.m.

The adults' seatbelts were found to be locked in place to stop the beeping prompt and the individuals were sitting on top of them. The child was not in a car seat as it was found on the floor in between the driver's seat and the second row.

The Florida Highway Patrol investigated the death of Amarylliz Medina-Rivera (FHP 220N0289285 / FHP 722-12-23). No arrests were made, nor charges filed, as all occupants were deceased.

The autopsy was received on December 8, 2022, and indicated District 5 Medical Examiner Shanedelle Norford, M.D., completed an autopsy of Amarylliz Medina-Rivera on June 9, 2022. ME# 22-05-01405.

Cause of Death: Blunt Head Trauma

Manner of Death: Accident

The Toxicology Reports for all the individuals shows the following:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The child was negative for all substances.

On December 22, 2022, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death, Inadequate Supervision, and Substance Misuse – Illicit Drugs as to Amarylliz Medina-Rivera, with Anthony Medina as the caregiver responsible.

Other Children in the Family:

Grief counseling information was provided to the extended family.

Summary of Current Agency Involvement with Family

The family did not have any open services.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with Family

The family does not have any prior abuse report history. The mother has one prior abuse report as a minor in 2011.



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