

## Child Fatality Summary

**Child's Name:** Eva Bravo-Herrera

**County:** Seminole

**Date of Birth:** 11/26/2018

**Date of Death:** 07/21/2022

**Report Number:** 2022-218508

### Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Eva Bravo-Herrera	3 years old	Child Victim
[REDACTED]	12 years old	Sibling
[REDACTED]	16 years old	Sibling (Out of State in New Jersey)
Nereida Herrera-Martinez	35 years old	Mother
Juan Bravo-Torres	39 years old	Father

### Circumstances Surrounding Death

On July 21, 2022, the 3-year-old child passed away after the father cut the throats of the 3-year-old and the 12-year-old and then attempted suicide.

According to the family, the following information was provided.

On July 21, 2022, the Longwood Police Department was notified of a stabbing that took place at the family's address. 911 was called by an employee at the mother's workplace at 5:41 a.m. Law Enforcement suspects that the father took a kitchen knife, cut the 3-year old's throat, and then went to attack the 12-year-old with the knife. The 12-year-old was able to get away and went to the mother's workplace. The father then attempted to injure himself and was transported to the hospital for his self-inflicted injuries. The 12-year-old child was also transported to the hospital for her injuries.

On July 21, 2022, Eva Bravo-Herrera was pronounced deceased on scene at 6:10 a.m.

The mother and father have been separated since January 2022; however, they have still been living in the same home. The mother had a new boyfriend. It appears that the father was upset that the mother moved on.

The Longwood Police Department investigated the death of Eva Bravo-Herrera (202230000551). On July 21, 2022, the father was charged with First-Degree Premeditated Murder and First-Degree Attempted Murder. On January 11, 2023, the father pled guilty and was sentenced to life in prison plus 30 years.

The autopsy was received on June 22, 2023, and indicated District 24 Medical Examiner Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., completed an autopsy of Eva Bravo-Herrera on July 22, 2022. ME# 22-24-01738.

Cause of Death: Incised Wound of Neck

Manner of Death: Homicide

On June 28, 2022, the Department of Children and Families' investigation was closed with:

- Verified Findings of Death and Physical Injury as to Eva Bravo-Herrera, with Juan Bravo-Torres as the caregiver responsible.
- Verified Findings of Physical Injury as to [REDACTED] with Juan Bravo-Torres as the caregiver responsible.
- Verified Findings of Threatened Harm as to [REDACTED], with Juan Bravo-Torres as the caregiver responsible.

**Other Children in the Family:**

The siblings were deemed to be unsafe and were sheltered from the father and placed with the mother on July 21, 2022. On August 1, 2022, an Expedited Termination of Parental Rights petition was filed with the court as to the father and that process is ongoing at closure of the investigation. Services provided and discussed included victim compensation, relocation, lost wages assistance, grief counseling, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) counseling.

**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.

  
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