

Child Fatality Summary

Child's Name: Jose Gonzalez Rodriguez

County: Miami-Dade

Date of Birth: 02/14/2020

Date of Death: 03/01/2023

Report Number: 2023-072103

Family Composition Chart

| Name | Age at Time of the Incident | Relationship with Deceased Child |
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| Jose Gonzalez Rodriguez | 3 | Decedent |
| Jose Gonzalez | 53 | Father (also deceased) |
| Maria Diaz | 62 | Stepmother |
| Karim Rodriguez Montenegro | 44 | Biological mother (non-household member) |

Circumstances Surrounding Death

On 3/2/2023, the Department received an abuse report following the passing of Jose Gonzalez Rodriguez. The report alleges the following: "Last night, the father shot and killed Jose, and then shot and killed himself. There is no idea of why the father did what he did. According to the mother, in January the father was upset while having a conversation with the mother. The father was upset that him and the mother's 14-year relationship had ended, and the father stated that he felt like he would kill himself and Jose. There have been no signs that the father would carry out the action since January."

The abuse report lists maltreatments of death, inadequate supervision and physical injury with Jose Gonzalez Rodriguez as the alleged victim and Jose Gonzalez as the alleged perpetrator.

Jose Gonzalez Rodriguez was born to parents Karim Rodriguez Montenegro and Jose Gonzalez at Texas Children's Hospital-Pavilion for Women located in Harris County, Houston, Texas.

On 3/1/2023 at approximately 4:30pm. the biological mother attempted to get in touch with the father and child. The mother reported that the father sent the child's nanny home and told her that he would put the child to sleep. When she could not contact the father, she went to his home and knocked on the door. There was no answer, so she went to the park where her son plays soccer and did not find him there either. She returned to the father's home and contacted law enforcement. Law enforcement could not enter the home, so the mother contacted the stepmother for permission to enter the home. She obtained a key from the front desk. The key they provided did not work so

the mother broke the glass near the front door with a bench. Once she entered the apartment she went to the child's bedroom where she found both bodies.

The mother reported that she and the father did have prior domestic violence incidents. They had been together for 14 years even though he was married to someone else. The father was upset that they broke up and threatened to kill the child and himself. The threat was made in January 2023 and the mother did not believe the father would harm the child; however, she did not leave the child alone with the father after the threat was made. It was just recently he resumed visits with the father and the nanny or cook was always there.

The mother also reported that the father did not suffer from any mental illness, nor did he consume alcohol or drugs.

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

The Miami-Dade Medical Examiner completed an autopsy. The cause of death is listed as multiple gunshot wounds with the manner of death listed as homicide.

The Department concluded its investigation with verified findings of death, inadequate supervision, and physical injury. The father is the identified Caregiver Responsible.

Other Children in the Family

There are no other children in the family.

Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with family

There is no prior agency involvement.

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