

North Carolina Public Records Act Request

The following information was received in response to a public records request submitted under the North Carolina Public Records Law (G.S. §132-1) by Lives Cut Short. Records were provided by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner on January 27, 2025.

CANDID ID: NC_22_1292

Decedent's Name: Unnamed Boy

Victim Age: 1 year

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: White

Date of Death: 07/05/2022

Death County: Wake

Cause of Death: Gunshot wounds

Manner of Death: Homicide

Preliminary Circumstances: On the night of June 27, 2023, a 23-month-old child was fatally shot during a domestic violence incident at an apartment on Shanda Drive in Raleigh, North Carolina. The child's father, 22-year-old Natanael Ezequiel Baez, was arrested and charged with murder and assault with a deadly weapon after allegedly shooting three individuals, including the infant and two adults. One adult victim, Robert Thomas (27), also died from gunshot wounds, while a second, Tiffany Claybrooke (27), was injured but survived. Police responded to the scene around 11:30 p.m. Baez was taken into custody after a struggle and appeared before a Wake County judge the next day.