

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_618

Decedent's Name: Jonathan Suero

Victim Age: 2 years

Sex: Male

Ethnicity: Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Unknown

Date of Death: 03/12/2022

Death County: Mecklenburg

Cause of Death: Drowning

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Preliminary Circumstances: On March 12, 2022, 2-year-old Jonathan Suero was found unresponsive in a pond at Park Road Park in Charlotte, North Carolina. His mother, Natalia Suero, alerted an off-duty officer at the park, and emergency responders attempted CPR, but the child was pronounced dead at the hospital. Inconsistencies in Suero's statements prompted further investigation, during which she claimed her son was "possessed by demons" and had been "teleported" by Jesus. She also expressed relief that he was "in a different place." Prior to the incident, she had searched online for "possessed child." Suero was arrested in New York on May 28, 2022, and extradited to North Carolina, where she is charged with first-degree murder and remains in custody.