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The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills

Sunday, September 10, 2017: Hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida Keys as a Category 4 hurricane. The storm was downgraded as it moved through South Florida, however it uprooted trees and damaged power lines before turning up the west coast of the state.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017: Hollywood Fire Rescue crews responded in the early morning hours to three separate calls for medical assistance from The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, located at 1200 N 35th Avenue in Hollywood. While on the third call, personnel from Hollywood Fire Rescue, Hollywood Police Department, and Memorial Regional Hospital declared a mass casualty incident and a complete evacuation of the facility was initiated.

Wednesday, September 13, 2017: The State of Florida's, Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) issued an "Immediate Moratorium on Admissions" to the center. The Agency also initiated an administrative investigation at this time, which ultimately led to an Administrative Hearing on the licensing and operation of facility.

Wednesday, September 20, 2017: AHCA entered an Emergency Suspension Order, suspending the licensure of The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills to operate as a nursing home, and prohibiting the facility from admitting any patients.

Wednesday, November 22, 2017: The Hollywood Police Department received the final cause and manner of death from the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office. The Medical Examiner ruled the deaths of twelve patients from the facility as homicides resulting from heat exposure due to environmental issues. Following this ruling, the Hollywood Police Department continued its investigation on the following deaths ruled as homicides:

1. Carolyn Eatherly, DOB 8-13-39
2. Gail Nova, DOB 2-22-46
3. Estella Hendricks, DOB 1-4-46
4. Bobby Owens, DOB 5-16-33
5. Miguel Franco, DOB 9-5-25
6. Cecilia Franco, DOB 4-2-27
7. Manuel Mendieta, DOB 8-26-21
8. Albertina Vega, DOB 10-10-17
9. Betty Hibbard, DOB 1-11-33
10. Carlos Canal, DOB 11-4-23
11. Martha Murray, DOB 1-10-23
12. Dolores Biamonte, DOB 2-25-60



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Friday, January 4, 2019: AHCA issues a Final Order revoking the nursing home license for the Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills and ordering the center to pay administrative fines and prosecutorial costs.

Tuesday, August 27, 2019: As part of the criminal investigation, the Hollywood Police Department has announced the arrest of four individuals: Jorge Carballo, Sergio Colin, Tamika Tory Miller and Althia Kenesha Meggie. They are charged with the following:

- **JORGE CARBALLO, Facility Administrator**
12 counts of aggravated manslaughter (*first degree felony*)
- **SERGO COLIN, Registered Nurse, Night Shift Nursing Supervisor**
12 counts of aggravated manslaughter (*first degree felony*)
- **TAMIKA TORY MILLER, Licensed Practical Nurse**
6 counts of aggravated manslaughter (*first degree felony*)
3 counts of tampering with/fabricating evidence in connection with patient medical records (*third degree felony*)
- **ALTHIA KENESHA MEGGIE, Registered Nurse**
2 counts of aggravated manslaughter (*first degree felony*)
2 counts of tampering with/fabricating evidence in connection with patient medical records (*third degree felony*)

Since September 13, 2017, as part of **one of the most extensive investigations in the history of the Hollywood Police Department**, Investigators have conducted hundreds of interviews and gathered witness statements; searched, collected and closely analyzed more than a thousand pieces of evidence; and have painstakingly reviewed the case files.

- **3 weeks of crime scene processing.**
- **More than 1,000 pieces of evidence collected and examined.**
- **55 computers seized for Health and Human Services forensic analysis.**
- **More than 500 interviews conducted and sworn statements taken.**
- **400 hours to review video.**
- **Over 4,000 pages of documents reviewed pertaining to AHCA's administrative report which included testimony, expert findings and hearing proceedings.**
- **Over 3,000 pages of Attorney General Report studied.**
- **Over 1,200 hours dedicated solely to the investigation.**



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The Hollywood Police Department has worked closely with the State of Florida Office of the Attorney General, Broward State Attorney's Office, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office and other partner agencies to ensure a complete, careful and comprehensive investigation to equip prosecutors with the ability to successfully hold those who were responsible duly accountable.

Additional arrests are anticipated. This is an ongoing investigation, as such, no additional information is available for release at this time.

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