

Florida House of Representatives
Committee on Claims
Summary Claim Bill Report

Bill #: HB 925
Sponsor: Representative Betancourt
Companion Bill: SB 20 by Senator Holzendorf
Special Master: Stephanie Birtman, Esq.

A. Basic Information:

1. **Claimants:** Jessica Ann Calderon, individually; as Personal Representative of the Estate of Officer Roberto Calderon; and as parent and natural guardian of Ryan and Lily Calderon.
2. **Respondent:** Miami-Dade County
3. **Amount Requested:** \$2,100,000
4. **Type of Claim:** Equitable – Settlement Agreement
5. **Respondent's Position:** Agreed not to object to claim bill as part of the Settlement Agreement.
6. **Collateral Sources:** None.
7. **Prior Legislative History:** None.

B. Procedural Summary: This claim involves a wrongful death claim against Miami-Dade County. Prior to filing a legal suit, the County and the claimants conducted a mediation conference at which time a settlement was reached. The settlement agreement requires the County to pay the claimants \$2,300,000, of which the statutory cap of \$200,000 has already been paid.

C. Facts of Case: Officer Calderon died as a result of an automobile accident between Officer Calderon and a Metro-Dade County bus. An extensive investigation revealed that the bus ran a red light, causing the accident. The driver of the bus was also found to be in possession of a stolen handgun, and unbeknownst to the County, was a felon. Officer Calderon was a Miami –Dade police officer who was on duty at the time of the accident. His wife and two children, aged 5 and 2, are the claimants.

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