

# Broward officer accused of killing girlfriend in front of child to stay in jail, judge rules

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A Fort Lauderdale police detention officer accused of gunning down his girlfriend in front of her 3-year-old daughter — and threatening to kill her weeks before — will remain behind bars, a judge ruled Monday.

Chase Harder, 21, has been held without bond since August, when he was charged with first-degree murder and written threats to kill or injure.

Broward Circuit Court Judge Barbara Duffy on Monday denied his motion to be released from a Broward jail at an Arthur hearing, which allows courts to consider setting bonds for defendants charged with crimes that aren't usually eligible for bail.

## FATHER TESTIFIES

Prosecutor William Sinclair brought with him a USB that included text messages, photos of 24-year-old Dayanna Hurtado's body, 911 calls made by Hurtado and a copy of the police interview with Harder. But the evidence wasn't displayed in court after Harder attorney Tamara Curtis, of the Broward Public Defender's Office, said she wasn't arguing that the state hadn't met its burden.

Curtis called William Harder, the father of Chase Harder and a Fort Lauderdale police detective of almost two decades, as a witness. The elder Harder asked the judge to set a bond under \$100,000 and said his son would stay with him

pending his trial.

Sinclair, however, delved into some of the evidence, including Ring camera footage that was from the Aug. 15, 2023, night of the murder and that he said offered a glimpse into Harder's premeditation.

Harder, he said, "intentionally disconnected" the camera that night and has previously been caught on camera footage pointing a gun at Hurtado's head.

"That's how determined he was to end Ms. Hurtado's life," Sinclair told Duffy.

## 'I HOPE YOU DIE'

Sinclair also read several text messages between Hurtado and Harder. They were translated from Spanish.

Hurtado's relatives in the courtroom gasped when hearing some of the texts, which were along the lines of: "My favorite day will be the day I see blood coming out of your head," "You're a piece of s--t" and "I hope you die."

## 'GREATEST FEARS'

Sinclair also pointed to how weeks before the murder, Hurtado told Coral Springs police that she feared Harder would kill her after he repeatedly threatened her via text.

"It was a call that, unfortunately, went unanswered," Sinclair said. "Mr. Harder acted on Ms. Hurtado's greatest fears."

Curtis, however, argued that Harder wasn't a threat to the community, mentioning his service as a military police soldier with the Army

reserve — and his time with Fort Lauderdale police. But Duffy disagreed.

## WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT?

On the night of the killing, a neighbor told police he heard a single gunshot — and a child scream — before three additional shots rang out at a Coral Springs apartment.

The neighbor, shortly after, saw a man dashing toward a white Mercedes SUV with a child flung over his shoulder.

When investigators arrived at the home, Hurtado was found dead on the balcony with seven gunshot wounds in the head. Police say Harder dropped the toddler off at her father's Rivera Beach house after fleeing.

Under the impression there was a warrant out for his arrest, Harder turned himself in, telling detectives that he had argued with Hurtado that night, according to police.

The state isn't seeking the death penalty against Harder. He faces a life sentence if convicted.

"The details surrounding these allegations are very difficult to hear and do not reflect the character and professionalism expected of the men and women of our agency," Fort Lauderdale Police Detective Ali Adamson said in a statement.

"We extend our deepest condolences to those affected by this horrific incident."

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## CITY OF DORAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified a **LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY MEETING** on **January 24, 2024** beginning at **5:30 PM** to consider a text amendment to Section 74-157, "Hotel and Motel Use" of Chapter 74 "Miscellaneous and Supplementary Regulations," of the City's Land Development Code. This meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.**

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Resolution:

### RESOLUTION No. 24-

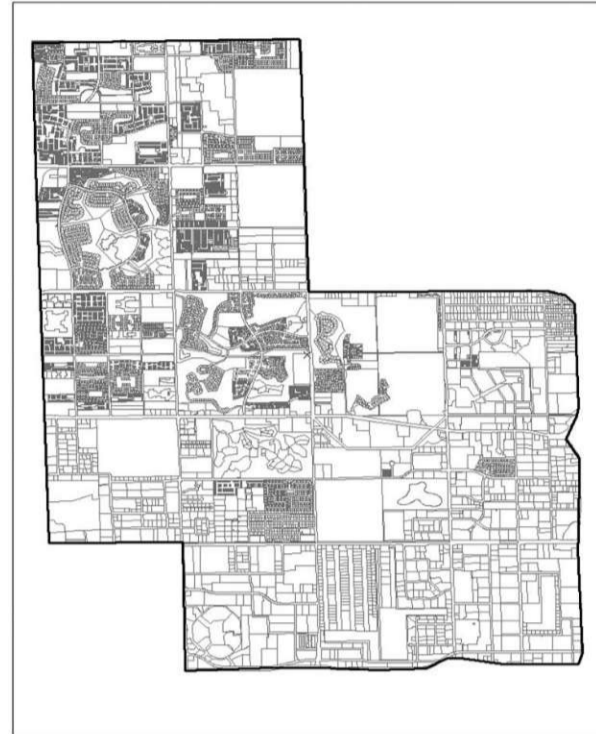
**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SITTING AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY, RECOMMENDING APPROVAL / DENIAL OF, OR GOING FORWARD WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 74-157 "HOTEL AND MOTEL USES" OF CHAPTER 74, "MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS," OF THE CITY OF DORAL LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF CALCULATING HOTEL DENSITY WHEN COMBINED WITH RESIDENTIAL USES; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

HEARING NO.: 24-01-DOR-07

APPLICANT: City of Doral

REQUEST: Amendment to Section 74-157 "Hotel and Motel Uses" to provide for a method for calculating hotel density when said use is combined with residential uses.

### Location Map



Inquiries regarding the item may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. This notice does not constitute consent by the City for introduction or admission of otherwise inadmissible or irrelevant evidence, nor does it authorize challenges or appeals not otherwise allowed by law. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 305-59-DORAL no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

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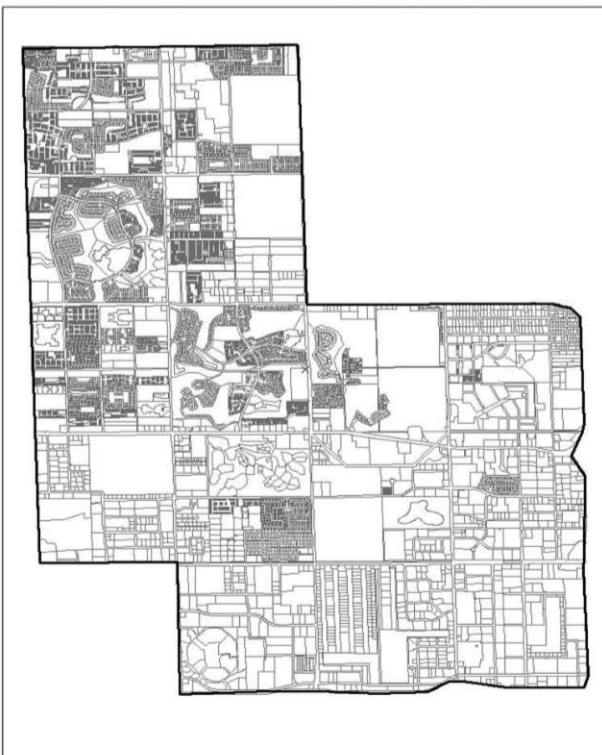
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HEARING NO.: 24-01-DOR-04

APPLICANT: City of Doral

REQUEST: Amendment to Section 53-184(e) "Zoning Workshop" to provide for a revised time frame within which zoning workshops can be scheduled.

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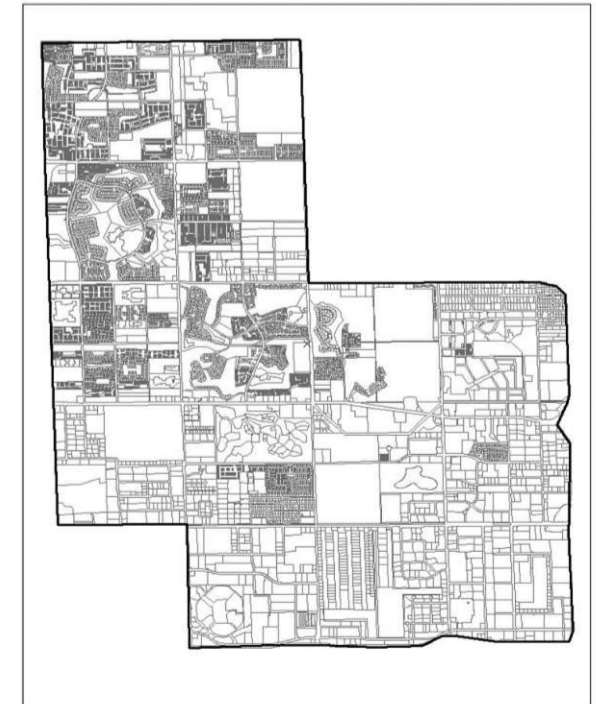
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HEARING NO.: 24-01-DOR-05

APPLICANT: City of Doral

REQUEST: Amendment to Section 74-170 "Tobacco/vape dealers" to include hemp and CBD dealers for purposes of location/distance restrictions, and to also include moveable places of businesses.

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