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Yankees prospect shot dead in Venezuela

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Alexander Figueredo, a 20-year-old lefty pitcher in the Yankees' minor league system who missed the entire 2016 season while on the suspended/restricted list, was shot and killed on Nov. 27 in his native Venezuela.

A published report in Venezuela said Figueredo missed the 2016 season due to injury, but the Yankees confirmed he was on the suspended/restricted list.

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According to sources close to the Venezuela baseball scene, Figueredo was shot at a party in Guacara and died of multiple gunshot wounds.

Figueredo wasn't considered a top prospect, and it was unlikely the Yankees were going to bring him back for the 2017 season — due to reasons stemming from his suspension. The cause for the suspension was not known; however, for a young player to be suspended for a year, the circumstances had to be serious.

As an 18-year-old in 2015, Figueredo went 5-0 with a 1.89 ERA in 12 games (11 starts) for the Yankees' team in the Dominican Summer League. He allowed 55 hits in 57 innings, with 52 strikeouts and 22 walks.

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