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A 12-year-old boy whose death has been cited by immigrant-rights advocates as the first casualty of California's controversial Proposition 187 was suffering from acute leukemia, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Julio Cano's parents, who are illegal immigrants, said they delayed seeking medical treatment for the boy because they feared deportation after passage of the "Save Our State" ballot measure. He had not been diagnosed with the disease before he died of heart failure Saturday.

Law enforcement sources said preliminary tests indicated that the boy was weakened because of the leukemia and may have been wracked with a bacterial infection, the Los Angeles Times reported.

While it remained unclear whether he could have been saved by earlier medical intervention, Hispanic activists have blamed his death on Proposition 187, which calls for cutting off education, welfare and nonemergency health care to the state's 1.7 million illegal immigrants.

But proponents of the measure charged that the boy's case was being exploited for political purposes.

Cano, whose parents are undocumented immigrants from Mexico living in Orange County, fell ill early last week. His father told the Times that he and his wife were afraid to go to a hospital and postponed seeking help until they could raise money for a private doctor.

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