

## **Family gets visas to attend funeral**

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But the slain man's death bars his children from immigrating to the U.S., one activist says.

While the Mexican Consulate in Orlando cleared the way on Thursday for murder victim Florentino Cano's **family** to **attend** his **funeral**, a farm worker activist said his death might prevent his children from becoming citizens.

Officials said Cano's mother, brother and sister, all from Nayarit, Mexico, had applied for a short-term humanitarian **visa** and would fly to Orlando on Friday.

"The immigration authorities have been quite helpful," said Enrique Romero, deputy counsel for the Mexican Consulate. "They understand the need for people coming into the States for something like this."

CANO

Romero said Cano's mother, Dolores Gonzalez, 73; brother Rafael Cano, 32; and sister Esperanza Cano, 46, should arrive in Dade City by this afternoon.

Florentino Cano died Saturday after he had been shot four times in his mobile home at 36911 Thomas Jefferson Drive.

Pasco County sheriff's deputies charged Jonathan Dye Jones, 34, with the shooting. Jones had been acquitted in 1994 of the slaying of his ex-girlfriend, Kathryn Murphy.

Cano's death might bring another blow to his grieving **family**. He had three sons - Miguel, Gustavo and Jorge - in addition to his three stepsons.

Officials at Farmworkers Self Help in Dade City said that because he had been a permanent U.S. resident so long, Cano had applied for his sons to become legal residents. That no longer can happen.

"When he was killed, they no longer can **get** legalization," said Araceli Corona, assistant director at the center. "Once the person dies, the petition dies. Now they have to start all over. That's the sad part of this."

Authorities say Jones and two women, Heather Marie Price and Toya Hicks, went to Cano's mobile home Saturday planning to rob him. One woman would have sex with him while the other would steal his wallet, according to an affidavit.

Price told deputies she and Cano struggled after a disagreement about how much he would pay her for having sex. The two women said Jones then came in the bedroom and shot Cano several times. Jones has denied the charges.

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On Thursday, relatives and farm worker activists remembered Cano as a man who always had a smile on his face.

"He was a very good person," said Magdalena Cano, in an interview through an interpreter. "We were very good friends." Her husband, Alejandro, was Florentino Cano's cousin. She said Florentino, who was Catholic, lived with them for four years before moving out on his own. She described him as a hard-working man with a laid-back personality.

"He worked in the orange fields picking oranges, and he loved his job," Cano said. "He would work Monday through Saturday. He would leave at 5 a.m. and come back at 6 p.m.

"Florentino had many friends. I never saw him angry. He didn't bother anybody. He just went about his business."

She said he had left work early, around 4 p.m., on the day of the shooting.

Corona said she, too, had heard much more good than bad about Cano.

"Everyone says Florentino was a very nice man, always helping people out," she said. "We have talked to prostitutes who knew him as well. But what we should remember most is that he was a human being who didn't deserve to die like he did."

Hodges **Funeral** Home in Dade City will handle **funeral** arrangements for the Cano **family**. Director Michael Hodges said the **family** will hold visitations on Saturday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

His **funeral** will be held at the home's chapel at 1 p.m. Monday.

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