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### Court Favors Murdered Student's Family

MIAMI (CBS4) — The Miami Dade School Board has been ordered by a judge to turn over public records about security at a middle school where a boy was stabbed to death.

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Jorge Gough, Jaime's father, said the district has not been helping as they promised they would and have blocked their efforts to obtain the documents which include information about a security consultant the district hired after Jaime died.

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"There is no intent in any way to hinder the family from receiving their claims bill," Barrera said.

Michael Hernandez, the teen accused of stabbing Jaime Gough, will go on trial in January. He faces a mandatory life prison sentence if convicted as an adult of first-degree murder.

The school district was brought to court by the family of Jaime Gough who claimed that officials have refused to turn over the records.

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