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Miami child dies in Mexican parasailing accident

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CANCUN, Mexico – A 9-year-old Miami girl died when a cord broke on her parasail and she collided with a hotel at this Caribbean resort, Quintana Roo police said Thursday.



The girl's father, Carlos Enrique Torres, filed a police complaint against four people involved in renting the parasail and police said two of them had been detained for questioning.

The father, a mechanic, told local reporters that he had asked about a seemingly loose line as his daughter Jazmin was being fitted into the parasail Wednesday afternoon and that he had been told there was no problem.

According to witnesses, the parasail was being towed by a boat when a line came free and the parasail with the girl aboard slammed into a third-floor balcony of the Crown Paradise hotel.

A hotel doctor was unable to save her.



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