Martin Benitez Torres

TWEET

STATISTIC

Another senseless death.

LIFE

Martin Benitez Torres was from San Juan, Puerto Rico. He died at the age of 33. He formerly worked at a travel agency in Puerto Rico. Martin had been studying in a branch campus of Ana G. Méndez University System (a Puerto Rican school) in Tampa. He was one of the four students of the school to be a victim of the shooting. Martin was enrolled as a pharmacy tech student; he enrolled only a month prior to the tragedy. One of his professors is quoted as saying that Martin was “a diligent and extremely hardworking student.” His former-coworker and friend, Brumy Maldonado, told Orlando Sentinel “His infectious energy would soon have us all dressed up for the occasion” referring to how he was during halloween, his favorite holiday.

AMENDMENT

Martin Benitez Torres was a citizen of Puerto Rico. Citizens of Puerto Rico have no representation in Congress, as Puerto Rico is not a state. Puerto Ricans like Martin Benitez Torres should be represented in congress as decisions made by Congress affect them just as much as they affect people living in the 50 states. Tragedies like this one could be prevented by Congress taking action.

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