

Reports show family died by having throats cut

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NAPLES, Fla. -- Newly released autopsy reports confirmed that a Haitian immigrant and her five children died last year by having their throats slashed.

The medical examiner's reports - which jibe with what investigators say they found in the family's Naples town house last Sept. 19 - were made public recently in the death-penalty case against 34-year-old Mesac Damas.

Deputies have charged Damas with killing his 32-year-old wife Guerline and their five children, ranging in age from 19 months to 9 years old.

Damas has pleaded not guilty, although when he was arrested in his native Haiti, he admitted his guilt to a reporter and said he wanted to be executed. Later he told investigators that "bad spirits" made him do it.