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Prosecutor Ellen Roberts (from left) and defense attorneys Kenneth Lipman and Michael Cohen talk with Gustavo Rosales Gonzalez about the plea deal

arranged for Scott Wynkoop. Rosales told Roberts that he wants to take his chances on a trial. Lipman asked Rosales to have mercy on Wynkoop.

Stepdad should do time, says father of girl killed

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Samantha Rosales
Died after train hit car driven by her stepdad

WEST PALM BEACH — Everything was in place Thursday for Scott Wynkoop to get a plea deal that would keep him out of prison for driving his car into the path of a train, resulting in a collision that killed his 9-year-old stepdaughter.

Wynkoop, 42, of Boca Raton, would plead guilty to vehicular homicide, and the prosecutor would drop a second charge. He would be sentenced to 10 years' probation, and could apply for early termination

after seven years. His driver license would be suspended for three years.

But Wynkoop didn't count on the biological father of the dead child showing up from Mexico and gumming up the deal. "We were not expecting that by any means," said **Kenneth Lipman**, his attorney.

"What I really want, if he's guilty, is that he go to prison," said Gustavo Ricardo Rosales Gonzalez, the biological father, when questioned by Circuit Judge Lucy Chernow Brown.



Nine witnesses will testify that Scott Wynkoop 'tried to beat the train,' Ellen Roberts says.

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