

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT  
STATE ATTORNEY OFFICE  
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

SUBJECT: SHAWN McMILLAN  
DEATH INVESTIGATION

FILE: 07-2572

DATE: APRIL 12, 2002

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On April 4, 2002 Investigator Steve Porter met with Captain Kochen and Sergeant MacKenzie of the Tarpon Springs Police Department regarding the Shawn McMillan case. After a discussion took place the following information was received. Sgt. McKenzie indicated that no gunshot residue (GSR) testing was done on Shawn McMillan, Dan Nordmark or Bernie Dillman due to the gun having been handled by all three individuals. Sgt. McKenzie states that the above circumstances failed to meet F.D.L.E. gunshot residue analysis (GSR) submission criteria. Sgt. McKenzie provided a copy of the stated submission criteria given to them by F.D.L.E. Sgt. McKenzie stated that he has made similar requests in the past and had been denied and was reflecting on his past experience when making the decision not to do GSR testing. NOTE: Upon reviewing Tarpon Springs Police Department evidence regarding this case it was learned that

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Sgt. MacKenzie had requested GSR testing on Shawn McMillan's shirt and pants. This was done when the stated items were sent to the F.D.L.E. Orlando lab for blood spatter analysis. The GSR tests were not performed.

Sgt. MacKenzie was questioned concerning the processing of the .25 caliber Sundance Semi Automatic. Sgt. MacKenzie advised that he has been trained in processing crime scenes and lifting latent prints and had processed the firearm himself. Sgt. MacKenzie advised he made two lifts. One contained a single ridge detail not of comparable value and also lifted the gun serial number for evidentiary purposes.

Sgt. MacKenzie states he did not become aware of the gun discharge incident that occurred at the British Pub until approximately two weeks after Shawn McMillan's death. Their case had been closed by this time. Sgt. MacKenzie advised he was told that there had been an altercation at the Shades Bar and he had his dispatcher contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's office. Sgt. MacKenzie advised that a deputy was dispatched to the Helen Ellis Hospital and according to the deputy there had been no calls to the Pinellas County Sheriff's office regarding an altercation at the Shades Bar & Grill. Sgt. MacKenzie advised there had been a call regarding two individuals who had jumped someone in the area across from the Shades Bar on Crystal Beach Ave. however, the subjects were

identified and did not involve Shawn McMillan, Dan Nordmark or Bernie Dillman.

Sgt. MacKenzie states he became concerned about how long he could keep Rita Nordmark's vehicle after having determined the shooting was self-inflicted and after they completed their processing of the vehicle they returned it to its lawful owner.

Kochen/MacKenzie