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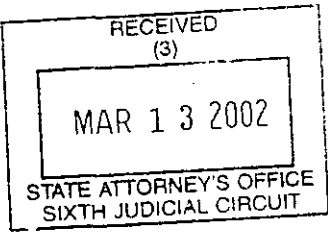
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1 the night, did Shawn and Nordmark come back in with him?

2 A. You know, my focus was on Bernie because he was
3 pointing at me at that point. I was just being
4 defensive, you know.

5 Q. Okay.

6 BY MR. PORTER: Do you recall any kind of chair bumping
7 incident? Where either Bernie or Dan had gotten up and
8 bumped into a chair at a table next to them, and there
9 were some sort of a -- some words exchanged between the
10 patrons in the bar?

11 A. I don't know. That happened probably every
12 night, a little bit here and there.

13 Q. You didn't see anything like that happen?

14 A. No. You know, and the thing is, those guys --
15 there's drunks in a bar, and most people don't get as
16 violently angry as those guys did that night. It was
17 definitely to the point --

18 BY MR. BARTLETT:

19 Q. And now, who are those guys?

20 A. Bernie, especially Bernie.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. And the look on Dan's face. Bernie was just
23 violently angry, and I thought he was going to kill
24 somebody.

25 Q. Okay. That's based on your contact with him

1 there at the --

2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. All right. Well, you just threw something out
4 there real big. You thought he was going to kill
5 somebody?

6 A. You know that violent range. He just looked
7 like nothing could stop him at that point. He was -- he
8 was ready to tear someone up when he was --

9 Q. Did he appear to be angry at Shawn?

10 A. That, I don't know.

11 Q. Was he with them when all of this is going on?

12 A. I think he was off to the side trying to get
13 him outside or whatever.

14 Q. Was there any fighting going on amongst the
15 three of them?

16 A. Not that I know of. I know Shawn was more
17 apologetic than -- like I'm sorry about my friend.

18 Q. Now, you said, you made that comment again
19 about his look and that -- like he was going to kill
20 somebody, I mean that's a pretty heavy-handed statement?

21 A. I know. I just -- I told Kimberly that night,
22 I said -- and the next day we talked about it. I called
23 her, and I said, that was pretty eerie last night. That
24 was before we even knew what happened. We were both
25 that way. We've had drunks like come on, come on, you

1 didn't want to start a fight, and basically those guys,
2 you talk to them a little bit, and they leave. These
3 guys were not that way, you know. There's some type of
4 violent nature there. That's all I can perceive on
5 something like that.

6 Q. And that comment is predicated on your having
7 seen them there inside of the bar? Not anything that
8 happened outside? That was inside?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. And I told Kimberly, the only other time I had
12 that feeling, because the guy that used to work at my
13 store, ended up killing, executing and old lady up in
14 Pasco County. He's on death row right now. His name is
15 Nathan Ramirez.

16 Q. Actually, he's not quite on death row.

17 A. Whatever. But you know what I'm talking about,
18 that same, like, feeling about somebody. I don't know.
19 That's just --

20 Q. Did you hear Ramirez's case got reversed.

21 A. Him and his buddy both worked in that area.

22 Q. Yeah. Yeah. Okay. But we're all talking
23 about appearances and verbal exchanges, nothing
24 physical?

25 A. Exactly, no.