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At approx. 2:25 a.m., this date, a vehicle passenger accidentally discharged a handgun resulting in a critical self-inflicted head wound. Shawn R. McMILLAN, 26yoa, of Tarpon Springs, was a backseat passenger in a Honda 4 door being driven by Rita D. NORDMARK, 28yoa, of Tarpon Springs, with Daniel J. NORDMARK, 25yoa, also of Tarpon Springs (in-law relation to Rita D.), as the front seat passenger. While traveling north in the 1500 block of So. Pinellas Av. Daniel Nordmark asked McMillan to hand forward a .25 caliber pistol that was near McMillan. As McMillan, believed to be a novice with handguns, proceeded as requested the handgun discharged with the projectile striking McMillan in the right temple area. At that particular moment the trio was passing Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital to which Rita Nordmark pulled into the emergency room parking lot and the medical staff was alerted to the occurred. McMillan was later transported to Bayfront Medical Center. It is believed that McMillan may have attempted to engage a trigger-activated laser sight attached to the pistol when the firearm discharged. Investigation continues by Ofc. Marc Parsons and Det. Sgt. A. MacKenzie.