

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

This investigative report pertains to the case conducted by the Tarpon Springs Police Department concerning the death of Shawn McMillan.

On November 28, 2001, Special Agent (SA) John Halliday left a message on a phone answering system for Ed Werda. He returned the call later in the afternoon and agreed to be interviewed on November 29, 2001 before he had to leave for work, which was approximately 1700 hours.

Edward Anthony Werda, White, Male, Date of Birth: August 17, 1963

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The interview was conducted in the apartment of Ed Werda on November 29, 2001 at approximately 1544 hours. Mr. Werda advised that he works the evening shift at the Palms and was present in the bar on the night of September 1, 2001.

Werda was shown the photographs of Rita Nordmark, Bernard Dillman, Daniel Nordmark and Shawn McMillan. He recognized all four photos and stated that they came into the Palms between approximately 12:00-12:30 A.M. on September 2, 2001. They were seated at a table and were trying to make up their minds as to what they wanted to drink. Werda advised that he went back three times to get their order as he was extremely busy serving other tables and trying to help the Karaoke (late night entertainment) people (Kimberly Swailes and Doug Baird). He noted that the subjects identified as Daniel and Bernard were very intoxicated. Shawn McMillan left the table and went to play pool.

Throughout the course of their stay, Bernard became involved in an altercation with the people at a table next to theirs. He apparently bumped a chair into theirs and some words were exchanged. Later, Daniel Nordmark wanted to sing a song (Karaoke) but the time had expired and it was time to close. Daniel was not happy that his request was denied.

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Description:

Interview with Edward Werda

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Daniel apparently mentioned to Werda that he was on "acid". Werda told Rita Nordmark what was said about acid and she laughed it off saying that he was lying and was only very drunk.

At closing time, Werda remembers Shawn apologizing to him stating that the Palms was a good bar and that his friends do not usually act this way.

Werda advised that he does not recollect the exact events of the evening but believes that Bernard Dillman and Rita Nordmark left before Shawn McMillan and Daniel Nordmark. Eventually Shawn and Daniel left after there were some words exchanged between Kimberly and Daniel reference the Karaoke request. The words included some foul language and name-calling. Werda said Doug Baird would have a better statement to make concerning the exchange of words. Eventually, Daniel and Shawn went to the parking lot and were seen standing there for approximately ½ hour. Werda did not see where they went as he was busy trying to close, get patrons out of the bar and assist the Karaoke people in removing their equipment.

Werda did say that at no time were there any physical confrontations, display of any weapons including a gun and no threats made that he heard.

The next day, Werda was off duty and was in the Palms. Michaela Mahoney approached him. He said that he told her basically what he had just told me. Approximately, 10 minutes after she left, Daniel and Rita Nordmark came into the bar. Daniel apologized for their actions the night before and said that he lost a friend (Shawn).

After this time Daniel Nordmark was in the bar a few times with his friends. There was one point when the owner banned him from the bar but later lifted this ban as he really did nothing wrong. Daniel still comes into the bar on occasion and has his beers. Bernie Dillman has not been in the bar to the best of his knowledge since the incident.

Michaela Mahoney has been into the Palms a couple of times since the incident as well.