

**TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SUPPLEMENT REPORT**

**AGENCY ORI:** FL0521800

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**DATE:** September 4, 2001

**CASE NUMBER:** 2001-2513

**OFFENSE:** Death Investigation (shooting)

**VICTIM:** Shawn Robin McMillan

**DETECTIVE REPORTING:** DET. SGT. J. A. MACKENZIE, ID#272, SPN/2399

**NARRATIVE:**

At 0239 hours on September 2, 2001 I was called at my residence in reference to responding to a shooting at Helen Ellis ER with "special circumstances". I did respond and upon arrival I was advised of the basics of the case (see Ofc. Parsons report). Due to the amount of interviews that had been done I decided not to repeat them but rather to concentrate on the forensics aspects of the case. I was advised that a disk of 22 photos had been taken and I reviewed them and found that the flash had been turned off and the photos were not acceptable so I then re-photographed the car and interior. The car was a black Honda 4-door sedan (see photograph) with grey fabric interior and was parked between the public door and ambulance parking area and stretcher access door located on the West side of the emergency department. The vehicle was not in a normal parking area and appeared to have been driven and stopped as if an emergency had occurred.

I observed that there was a small amount of blood on the rear of the driver's headrest (see photograph) that appeared to have been a manual transfer rather than a spatter. Also when looking in thru the now open (by me) right rear door I observed a .25 caliber brass cartridge casing (see photograph) laying open end towards the now open right rear door in the bottom of the seat (crevice close to the seat back) on the right side of the bench seat. At the leading edge of the same location (see photograph) in the foot well of the right rear seat of the bench seat with the butt forward towards the front of the car was a black finish small semi-automatic pistol. On the passenger's side rear I also observed two (2) blood spatters (see photograph) and one was lower (see photograph) on the rearward portion of the door and one was forward and higher (see photograph) on the door. The shape and spatter pattern was consistent with the reported event.

On the driver's side rear door in the lower rearward portion of the door opening (see photograph) and also on the corner of the seat (see photograph) on the driver's side rear bench seat closest to the door was an area of blood that again was consistent with the shot having been fired in very close proximity to Helen Ellis Emergency Room due to the small amount of blood present and that help was summoned as soon as the vehicle arrived at the Helen Ellis Emergency Room. The

examination of the vehicle was unremarkable and completely consistent with the information given by the witnesses. At this time I also examined the vehicle for any signs that the victim had been shot elsewhere and placed in the car and I failed to find anything to support that.

I went into the Helen Ellis Emergency Room and spoke briefly with the MD on duty and was brought up to status on the condition of the victim and photographed the victim as he was about to be taken for a CAT Scan. I assisted in attempting to locate next-of-kin, which was done eventually.

I also had Pinellas County Sheriff's Office respond to interview the zone car to see if there was anything that needed interagency coordination or information that needed to be shared about the reported incident at the bar in Palm Harbor. There was nothing remarkable and there had been no calls of any kind at the location. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office unit that drove through the parking lot was just on area patrol.

At this time the CAT Scan had been done on the victim and I viewed the wound depiction and found it to be an entry wound near the right temple and traversing the skull and exiting the skull on the opposite side after creating a shock wave and attendant sub-dural haematoma. The projectile appeared to remain under the skin on the opposite side of the skull from the entry but outside of the skull itself and there was an obvious fracture at this point. This would explain the absence of evidence of material from an exit of the bullet.

After the review of the CAT Scan I returned to the vehicle and rechecked my earlier search and found it consistent with my earlier findings. At this time I removed the shoe and window shade that was on the rear passenger floor and placed them in custody, obtained the first bag of clothing from the victim, retrieved the weapon and casing and made the weapon safe. I was then given the second bag of clothing from the victim by Officer Simmons. I also had Ofc. Marc Parsons obtain the shirt from the owner of the gun for testing. I secured all of the items.

At this time the mother of the victim arrived and the Helen Ellis Emergency Room and was taken to her son and she stayed with her son until it was time to prepare him for air transport to the Bayfront Medical Center. A friend had been summoned to drive the victim's mother to Bayfront. I observed her sign a release form provided by Helen Ellis Emergency Room staff (organ donor).

I released the vehicle to the owner after processing and went to Tarpon Springs Police Department and secured the evidence and coordinated contacts with Ofc. Marc Parsons.

At 1621 hours on September 2, 2001 I was paged by Tarpon Springs Police Department and was instructed to call the Pinellas/Pasco Medical Examiners Office at 582-6811 and I spoke with Investigator Louise Bell and was advised that the victim was pronounced dead at 1503 hour at Bayfront Medical Center and I filled her in on the steps we had taken in the investigation and what we were going to do on September 4, 2001. She advised that on September 3, 2001 the autopsy would be done and I was called on September 3, 2001 and brought up to date. I was

advised that the wound was a close contact wound to the right temple. The results of the autopsy were consistent with my review of the scene.

The most conclusive piece of evidence in the investigation should there be some sort of material misrepresentation by Daniel Nordmark was the examination of his shirt. If Daniel was not in the front seat or was in a position to do harm to the victim there would be blood spatter on his shirt. On September 4, 2001 I met with Forensic Examiner Maximino Sanchez of Tarpon Springs Police Department and explained the evidence and what I needed examined and what I was looking for. He called the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Forensic unit and arraigned to have the shirt examined immediately. He hand carried the evidence to their office and four (4) tests were performed. The first was a visible examination, the second was with an alternate light source, the third was with phenolphthalien, and the fourth was with luminal. All of the testing was negative for blood. This indicated that the wearer of the shirt was not in a position to fire the weapon at the victim.

Based on all of the statement by witnesses, friends of the victim and the forensic evidence I find that there is no basis to classify this death on the part of the Tarpon Springs Police Department as anything other than accidental.

INVESTIGATIVE TIME: 15 hours

CASE STATUS: Closed Accidental

  
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