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8	STATEMENT OF KARA GILLEN	
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11	DATE/TIME: February 19, 2002; 10:00 a.m.	
12 13	PLACE: Pinellas County Justice Center 14250 49th Street North Clearwater, Florida 33762	
14 15	REPORTED BY: Robert William Wagner Notary Public,	
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was on."

- Q. Did he give you any other?
- A. He told us that I think he said the gun went off in the car and he jumped I think they pulled over, and he jumped in the back seat. And then they rushed up to Helen Ellis because they weren't far from Helen Ellis. And they brought him to Helen Ellis, and he said that they took his shirt because there was blood all over it.
- Q. Did he give you any explanation as to how the gun discharged in the car?
- A. He said that Shawn had it and then he asked for it back. I guess he put his arm back to reach for it and that's when he said it went off.
- Q. Did he indicate he ever got the gun into his hand or anything like that?
 - A. No. I don't think he said he did.
- Q. Did he say he ever bumped the gun or hit him or anything at all that would suggest he had any involvement in the actual discharge of the firearm?
- A. No. He just said that he asked for it back; and when Shawn was passing it back to him, it went off.
- Q. Have you talked with anybody else who is purported to have direct knowledge of what actually happened?
- A. No. Bernie and I were really good friends. We hung out a lot all throughout high school and after high

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- A. As far as the investigation, I have no idea. I had heard about what happened in the Palms from people who work there.
 - Q. Who did you talk to?
 - A. Eddie.

- Q. Werda?
- A. Yes. We went in there two nights later and we heard about it. And the only other thing is Dan told me that the police took his t-shirt off him that night because it was covered in blood which on the news or in the newspaper I think it was they said there was no blood on the t-shirt. He told us that the next night.
 - Q. At the bar?
- A. No. He came over to my house the next night and that's how we found out about it on the Sunday night.
 - Q. So you're obviously pretty good friends with Dan?
- A. I was, yes. We had gone there to reprimand -- not reprimand -- to say something about to his brother about him firing the gun because we thought it was completely out of order that he would be doing that, and that's how we found out that night what happened.
 - Q. Say that again now?
- A. We were there on the Saturday night. You know we left right after they fired the gun. On the Sunday I know that Steve Newman went during the day to speak to Chris,