

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

This investigative report pertains to the death investigation in Tarpon Springs concerning Shawn McMillan.

On October 4, 2001 at approximately 1500 hours, Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Richard Pyles and Special Agent (SA) John Halliday interviewed the following individual:

Rita Dorottya Nordmark, White, Female, Date of Birth: Aug 3, 1973
1394 Crescent Court
Tarpon Springs, Florida
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Rita Nordmark is married to Christopher Nordmark who is the brother of Daniel Nordmark. Daniel Nordmark is the individual who was with Shawn McMillan in the early hours of September 2, 2001.

On the evening of September 1, 2001 and early morning hours of September 2, 2001, the following events took place. Rita Nordmark was at the Palms Bar and Grill (35224 U.S. Hwy 19 North) which is located in the southwest corner of U.S. 19 and Alderman Road in Palm Harbor, Florida. She was at the bar with several people including Daniel Nordmark and Shawn McMillan. At approximately 0130-0145 hours, Rita decided that she wanted to leave and go home to sleep. She did state that several people were drunk and there was some arguing and foul language being exchanged back and forth between Daniel, Shawn and others. However, she was not aware that there was any physical confrontation. The arguing was over who was going to be taking the "stage" for Karaoke.

Shortly thereafter, she received a call from Daniel Nordmark requesting a ride from the Palms. He had apparently locked his keys in the car and needed a ride for Shawn McMillan and himself.

Rita advised that she picked them up and drove to Shakespeare's British Pub that is located at 875 Klosterman Road East in Tarpon Springs, Florida. She and her husband, Christopher Nordmark own the Pub and she stopped momentarily to assist the bartender with closing the establishment. She left Daniel Nordmark and Shawn McMillan in the parking lot. There were other people in the lot that she did not know as well.

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Description:

Interview with Rita Nordmark

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When she exited the Pub she noticed Shawn, Daniel and two others in the parking lot. These other people are identified as:

Jennifer Pysz
Bernie Dillman

Jennifer Pysz is an employee for the Nordmarks at the Pub and also works for Neptunes Lounge. Neptunes is located at 13 Safford Avenue South, Tarpon Springs, Florida, telephone number, (727) 943-5713. Jennifer resides with a Bernie Dillman and their home telephone number is (727) 934-0773.

Rita stated that the four individuals were talking in the parking lot and she noted Shawn McMillan with the small gun, that is the property of Daniel Nordmark. She noted the weapon mostly because Shawn was playing with the laser sight pointing the weapon in different locations and in her opinion, rather recklessly displaying the weapon. He seemed to be quite intrigued with the laser sighting. Rita has seen the gun and is familiar with it from the past. She is also familiar with guns and their safety as she grew up learning about guns when she was younger living in Hungary.

She advised that she and Daniel are not good friends with Shawn and have only seen him approximately four to five (4-5) times within the last six (6) months. She has heard through her friend, Jennifer Pysz that Daniel has had two (2) D.U.I arrests.

She remembers Daniel telling Shawn to give him the gun back, but for whatever reason, Shawn put it into his pants pocket. This occurred while Daniel was walking away from the area to urinate in a confined area. Rita got into the driver's seat of her car, Shawn into the right rear passenger's seat and then drove over to the location where Daniel had walked away to urinate. Daniel then entered the vehicle into the front passenger's seat. The three of them then proceeded to the area of Alternate 19, that was apparently the general direction of where Shawn lived. She did state that both Shawn and Daniel had consumed a good deal of alcohol that evening. Rita advised that she was sober and aware of what was taking place.

While driving north on Alternate 19 she was passing the Helen Ellis Hospital when Daniel requested that Shawn return his gun to him. The next moment she heard a loud bang, which was the sound of a gunshot. She immediately looked back at Shawn and noted a large amount of blood about the area of his midsection. She immediately thought the gun went off while it was in his pocket. At this time she heard Daniel (Danny) state "the dude shot himself, turn around and go into the hospital". She made a U-turn and immediately drove to the front entrance of the emergency room.

She and Danny requested assistance from the medical personnel at Helen Ellis Hospital. It was while Shawn was being pulled out of the car through the driver's side rear seat that she noted he had a wound to the head (due to the large amount of blood). She stated that his body had slumped to the driver's side prior to stopping at the hospital.

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She advised that the arrival at the hospital had to be sometime around 2:20 A.M. During her stay at the hospital she attempted to find a next of kin for Shawn. She advised that she was able to contact her employee (Jennifer Pysz) who knew Shawn quite well and who in turn was able to notify Shawn's mother, Michaela Mahoney.

She advised that Daniel Nordmark and she were separated by the Tarpon Springs Police Department (TSPD) and interviewed. She noted Daniel, who is a rather strong person and in the law enforcement field, to be extremely shaken up. She stayed at the hospital until approximately 5:30 A.M. until Shawn McMillan was airlifted by Bayflite Helicopter and transported to the Bayfront Hospital Emergency Center in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was puzzled by the short interview she gave the police and thought she would be taken to the TSPD for a more in depth statement. Additionally, she was surprised that her car was released to her at the hospital. She expected it to be towed away and kept for more thorough testing.

Needless to say, she has been quite distraught over this incident. She had to hose out her back seat due to the extensive amount of blood behind the driver's seat. She additionally had the vehicle seats detailed and shampooed several times.

She was questioned as to the personality traits of Shawn McMillan. She characterized him as a quiet person who appears to keep to himself. She did say that he was a party type person. That morning he kept asking them to continue to party with him and go to his house. She does not know him that well and just wanted to get him home so that she could go to sleep. She advised that she thinks she remembers Shawn possibly smoking in the back seat which may explain the "burn hole" in the right rear passenger's seat. She did state that Daniel Nordmark smokes cigarettes as well.

The next day she recalls talking to Jennifer Pysz who apparently knows Shawn quite well. She believes it may have been Jennifer who said Shawn could drink a lot of alcohol and that his drink of choice was Crown Royal and Coca-Cola. She advised that Bernie Dillman was drunk and doesn't remember a thing that occurred that evening.

This was all the information that Rita could recall at this time. She advised that she is available for any further questions if need be.

Her vehicle was released to her at this time. She signed a release of which a copy will be maintained in the related item of this case file. SAS Pyles and SA Halliday returned the rental vehicle she had.