

**FT. LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

OR# 04-19571

**Supplemental Report**

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Offense:

Offense Changed to:

Location:

Date of Incident: 2000-2002

Date of Report: 2/14/04

**VICTIM: 1**

**SUSPECT: ALEX PUSSIELDI**

On 2/19/04 I was assigned the listed case for any follow up investigation.

At 1340 hrs on 2/19/04 a taped statement was taken from ( ) who gave the following account of the incident. ( ) stated that Pussieldi was his legal guardian between 2000 and 2002 and also one of his swim coaches at the swimming Hall of Fame. ( ) advised that he and Pussieldi were involved in a physical confrontation at the Swimming Hall of Fame on 2/13/04. He stated that Pussieldi had pulled him out of the bleachers by a towel that was hanging around his neck ( See Case # 04-18791).

At 1006 hrs on 4/08/04 a taped statement was taken from Pussieldi, who stated the following. Pussieldi stated that ( ) had caused a disturbance at the pool while he was trying to instruct the other

Detective: Jennings

CCN: 1272

Unit:

Reviewing Officer: *AK 7/11*

CCN:

Date:

Routed to:

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Case Status Closed

Type 3

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Exception 1. Extradition Declined

3. Death of Offender

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swimmers. He told several times to stop, but he would not. Pussieldi then asked him to leave the pool. again refused and started throwing things into the pool disrupting the other swimmers. Pussieldi then grabbed the towel around C s neck and pulled him out of the bleachers. then left the facility without further incident.

Pussieldi stated that ( had told him that he would make sure that Pussieldi never coached again.

Based on this Detectives investigation and the statements given by the parties involved there is no evidence to prove the allegations. This case will be closed and cleared as unfounded.

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Marvin

Stuart Marvin  
Monday, February 16, 2004 11:32 AM  
Ernest Burkeen; Alan Silva  
Phil Thornburg  
Subject: RE: Trouble at Swimming Hall of Fame?

Apparently there was an altercation on the pool deck whereby an athlete refused to comply with a coach's request to participate in a practice session on Friday morning. I spoke to both the athlete and the coach and according to both parties, the athlete did not wish to participate and the coach then asked the athlete to leave the facility. The situation escalated into shouting and then physical contact between the two.

I contacted Jack Nelson who was in Orlando with other team members and encouraged him to investigate the situation. I urged Jack to have the athlete and coach in question take a step back from the program until he could get a clearer understanding of the incident. He indicated to me that both the athlete and coach would be directed not attend practice on Friday evening and that he would return to town on Saturday evening. I spoke to Jack Nelson this morning and he is having a meeting with his coaching staff this afternoon to assess the situation. As you are aware, Jack Nelson is a private contractor with the City and has oversight of his program. All staff associated with the program are hired by him and all the members of the program are under his control. The City provides the facility for his use and there is revenue sharing with the City on his behalf. I have a call into the police department to obtain a copy of the police report and I'm continuing to keep all channels of communication open so we can better understand the facts of the situation.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ernest Burkeen  
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2004 8:39 AM  
To: Alan Silva  
Cc: Stuart Marvin; Phil Thornburg  
Subject: RE: Trouble at Swimming Hall of Fame?

...however this past friday an altercation between a swimmer and coach did take place at the aquatic center. Jack Nelson is the coach of the swim team and is employed by the city. All of the swim coaches work for and are employed by Mr. Nelson. Jack was informed of the altercation on Friday while he was in Orlando. He contacted both the coach and swimmer and advised them not to attend practice until he returned to the pool on Saturday in which he would deal with the situation. The young man had filed a police report. Stu Marvin will monitor the situation and will provide input as needed.

-----Original Message-----

From: Alan Silva  
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2004 2:15 PM  
To: Ernest Burkeen  
Subject: Trouble at Swimming Hall of Fame?

Ernest,

Alan