

September 4, 20XX

Local Man Shot by Ex-Con Ed Hard

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At 9:10 p.m. last night, a jealousy and alcohol-fueled grudge between an ex-convict and a local survivalist and owner of University Fitness exploded with a gunshot. A seeming act of vengeance by Edward Hard, a convicted rapist, left the victim, Bruno Summers, lying in the arms of his newlywed wife, Deborah.

Police Investigators say Summers was shot in the chest with a .22 caliber pistol and is presently at Mercy Hospital listed in critical condition.

The investigators also say Hard was arrested at his home less than two hours after the shooting.

The shooting occurred at The Garage tavern, located at the 1100 block of Broadway in Ruston.

Bert Kain, a witness at the scene, sketched a history of confrontations between Ed Hard, 27, and Bruno Summers, 30. Kain, a regular at the bar, stated, "I knew something was gonna happen. A couple of weeks ago Ed fought with that Bruno [Summers] guy. Afterwards, Ed [Hard] said he was gonna get that guy and he did just that."

Other witnesses to the bloody shooting detail a similar story of escalating violent encounters between Hard and Summers that began two weeks ago. On August 20th, Hard, who is known to have dated Debbie Summers before her recent marriage to Bruno, allegedly attacked Bruno Summers from behind as Bruno and his then fiancée, Debbie, were attempting to leave The Garage.

Mary Apple, a waitress at The Garage, was a witness to the first clash.

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Barroom Shot Proves Fatal

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Early this morning Bruno Summers, died of gunshot wounds inflicted four days earlier in a senseless shooting at the Garage tavern in Ruston.

The alleged assailant, Edward Hard, has been held in Jamner County jail since the night of the shooting. Originally, Hard was charged with first degree assault, but Prosecuting Attorney O. Long says the charge against Hard will now likely be changed to murder.

September 23, 20XX

White Supremacists March for Death Penalty

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Spurred by the shooting death of one of their members, Bruno Summers, a neo-Nazi survivalist group known as "Nationalist Patriot Alliance," paraded to the Jamner County Courthouse shouting demands of the death penalty for Edward Hard, Summers' alleged assailant.

When asked for comment, Detective Russell Tharp, of the Ruston Police

Department stated, “We investigate and prosecute all crimes equally. It doesn’t matter if the victim is a high-powered executive or a low-life racist piece of scum. We have a job to do, and we’ll do it.”

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Jamner Herald Feature

Market for Murder

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Customer: “A bottle of Wild Turkey and a pack of Camels, please.”

Clerk: “Yes, sir. Will that be all today?”

Customer: “Oh, yeah, and a .22.”

Clerk: “Very good, sir.”

As of yet, this scene isn’t being played out at your local Safeway. But if one considers the ease with which anyone can purchase guns, from “Saturday Night Specials” to machine guns, given the laws that are in effect today, the day of “express-lane check-out, nine items or less no waiting” sales of deadly artillery is close at hand.

The underground illegal sales of guns have been and always will be a disturbing fact of life. More disturbing is the cavalier flaunting of regulations by licensed sellers in purveying their deadly trade.

A recent incident in our “All-American” city of Ruston should again focus public attention on the problem of gun sales to those whom society and the law have deemed unfit to own or possess a “piece,” criminals and minors.

Edward Hard, a twenty-seven-year-old convicted rapist, is now awaiting trial in Jamner County jail for the murder of Bruno Summers. Ed Hard is accused of fatally shooting Bruno Summers in the chest at

close range with a .22 caliber handgun purchased at a licensed gun shop.

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Ruston Observer 3-Part Feature Honeymoon to Heartbreak: The Debbie Summers Story

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The children, eight-year-old Ronnie and Amanda, just twelve, play in the room, glancing every so often at the woman sadly rocking in Daddy’s chair. Ronnie and Amanda wonder whether the laughing lady who Daddy brought home as their new mother will ever return from behind those vacant eyes.

Debbie Summers became the wife of Bruno Summers and the mother of Amanda and Ronnie on August 27, 20XX. Debbie became a widow eleven days later. Bruno died of a gunshot wound allegedly inflicted in a jealous rage by an old boyfriend of Debbie’s.

With one quick shot, the alleged assailant, Edward Hard, transformed Debbie Summers from a happy newlywed into a bereaved widow. Debbie Summers is now a widowed single mother of two children she has only barely gotten to know.

Debbie is struggling to be a good mother. But she is depressed and dazed. Her emotional state is a reflection of the nightmare that haunts her, asleep or awake, since she held the bleeding, dying Bruno in her arms that tragic night.