

RUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**SUSPECT INFORMATION**

Date	Time	Police Dept./Unit	Case No.	File No.		
9/3/20XX	2300 hrs	Ruston / 4	00432150	5000		
Booking Date	Time	Offense			B.A. No.	
9/4/20XX	0130 hrs	Assault 1 st Degree			13000	
Name (Last, First MI)			Sex	Race		
Hard, Edward Taylor			M	White		
D.O.B.	State/Province of Birth	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Skin
4/15/20XX-27	Major	5'8"	165 lbs	Brn	Brn	Light
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, etc.			Caution-Armed, Dangerous		Statement Taken	
"Mom" right forearm					Yes	
Last Known Address - City, State, Zip			Phone		Drivers License No.	
1492 West, Ruston, Major			206-832-2314		HARDTEJ592AL	
State	Expires	Social Security No.	Local No.	FBI No.	State ID No.	
Major	20XX	522-83-2466		12133	M-1912	
Fingerprint Classification		Alias Name(s)		Vehicle License No.		State
		Ed		HIGH		Major
Vehicle ID No.	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color(s)	
Occupation			Business Address or School			
House Painter			1492 West, Ruston, Major 832-2317			
Marital Status(Children (No.))			Living With		Time in County	Union and Local No.
Single			Self		Life	
Investigating Officer			Serial	Unit	Phone	
Tharp			113	4	206-625-2000	
Criminal Record (Convictions)						
Rape Auto Theft 2 DUIs 3 Thefts						
Active Parole or Probation?			Probation Officer\Phone			
Yes			Smith 206-383-0620			
Facts of Crime (How Crime Planned - How Carried Out - Etc.) (Indicate Any Weapons Involved)						
Suspect was observed by witness Tom Donaldson shoot victim, Bruno Summers, on 9/3/20XX in City of Ruston, Major						
Names of Accomplices						
Additional Case(s) Suspected\Cleared						
Anticipated Date of Referral			Anticipated Charge			
9/6/20XX			Assault 1st Degree			
Further Investigation Necessary - State Whether Presence Required (Line-Up, Exemplar, Etc.)						
Objection to Release? Yes ___ No ___ State Reasons for Recommendations						
Suspect armed with .22 caliber revolver, shot victim without provocation.						
Preliminary Appearance Date		Judge		Bond Poster, Date, Amt, Co.		
9/4/20XX		Roe				
P.R.		Conditions:				
Yes ___ No _X_						
Return Date		Returned or Excused		Released? Bond Set (\$)		
9/6/20XX				No		

Ruston Police Department Report: Follow Up Report

Suspect:		
Edward Taylor Hard, 27, 1492 West, Ruston, Major 206-832-2314 5'8", 165 lbs.		
Arrested and booked Inv. Assault.		
Persons Interviewed:		
Deborah Summers	1962 NE 6 th , Ruston	206-433-1112
Tom Donaldson	1776 Amble, Apt. 3, Ruston	(B) 206-233-4173 (H) 206-833-5142
Mary Apple	1984 South 41 st , Ruston	(B) 206-233-4173 (H) 206-394-8621

9/3/20XX 2120 hrs. Detective R. Tharp was contacted at his home by Detective Sergeant Maida and advised of a shooting which took place at the Garage tavern at 1130 Broadway Ave. Victim has been shot once. His condition is unknown at this time.

9/3/20XX 2145 hrs. Detective Tharp arrives at scene and is met by Officer Downing. Downing advises that the shooting took place near front - north interior of the billiard area within The Garage. The victim has been removed from the scene and transported by aid unit to Mercy Hospital. The victim is alive. Officer Downing points out the location of the shooting and blood on the wall. This will be photographed later. Victim is Bruno Summers.

9/3/20XX 2155 hrs. Detective Tharp interviews wife of victim, Mrs. Deborah Summers; Mrs. Summers, who says she did not see what actually happened, identifies the man who ran out of the tavern with a gun as Edward Taylor Hard, a former boyfriend, who resides at 1492 West. Mrs. Summers leaves for Mercy Hospital.

9/3/20XX 2158 hrs. Patrol car dispatched to suspect's residence.

9/3/20XX 2205 hrs. The scene is photographed by a police identification technician. Detective Tharp made the following observations which were recorded: a few blood spots on the floor eight feet south of north end of hall and three feet east of men's restroom wall. There was also a mark on the west wall approximately five feet six inches from the north end of hall which was four feet from the floor. Closer examination reveals this was not a recently made mark.

9/3/20XX 2235 hrs. The scene was secured and Dets. returned to the Homicide Office.

9/3/20XX 2245 hrs. Detectives advised that patrol has arrested suspect Edward Hard at his residence and recovered a handgun. Officer Yale en route to Homicide Office

with suspect Hard and the weapon. Patrol Officer West calls from Mercy Hospital where the victim is receiving emergency treatment, is alive but in critical condition. Patrol Officers are interviewing Tom Donaldson, bartender at the Garage tavern. Interview indicates that two weeks ago, on approximately August 20th, suspect and victim had fought and suspect had threatened the victim's life. Tonight, at approximately 2105 hrs. there was a confrontation between the suspect and the victim at the Garage tavern.

9/3/20XX 2250 hrs. Sergeant Maida placed a hold on 911 tape for call received from the Garage billiard hall.

9/3/20XX 2300 hrs. Suspect has been placed in interview room by Officer Yale. Detective Tharp into interview room with suspect, Edward Taylor Hard. Information for a Suspect Information Report is obtained from Hard. He states that he is a self-employed house painter. Hard is advised of his rights from the standard form. He reads the form out loud and after each entry he is asked if he understands, and he answers yes to all four admonishments. He also signifies this by placing his initials in the left hand column of the form alongside each entry. He also places a signature in the appropriate box. At this time he signs the written waiver portion. Suspect Hard appears to be under the influence of something. He had watery red eyes, spoke with slurred speech and had the odor of alcoholic beverage on his breath. Nevertheless, he appeared to understand his rights and to knowingly waive them.

Suspect Hard stated that at approximately 9:00 p.m. he and two friends, John Gooding and Rebecca Karr, had gone to the Garage for a drink. He stated that they were sitting at the bar and he got up and went to the restroom. As he approached the restroom, the victim, Bruno Summers, came out of the restroom and confronted him. Suspect Hard indicated that he was surprised to see Summers and had been unaware of the fact that Summers had been in the tavern prior to the confrontation. Suspect Hard said that prior to this time he had not looked around The Garage, but had rather been sitting at the bar drinking and conversing with friends. Suspect Hard stated that the victim Summers threatened and shoved him and then reached into his pocket. Hard stated that in response, he pulled a .22 caliber revolver from his coat pocket to protect himself, pointed it at the wall and the gun accidentally discharged, hitting the victim.

9/3/20XX 2330 hrs. Suspect Hard's statement was reduced to writing and signed by the suspect. After giving his initial statement, Detective Tharp confronted Hard with the fact that he had been overheard to make a remark about Summers prior to the shooting, and that Hard must have been aware of the fact that Summers was in the bar before meeting him coming out of the restroom. Second, Hard was confronted with the fact that the firearm was obviously pointed at victim Summers rather than at the wall for it would have been impossible to misjudge the aim at that short a distance. At this point, suspect Hard stated, "I think I'd better get an attorney. Don't you think I'd better get an attorney?" Det. Tharp stated, "If you want an attorney, I can't ask you any further questions." Suspect Hard then stated, "Do you think an attorney could help me?" Det. Answered, "That's up to you to decide. Do you want an attorney?" Hard then

responded, "I want to tell you what happened. That guy is a Nazi. Yes, I knew he was there. He deserved what he got. I couldn't continue to be afraid." Det. Tharp then again asked, "Do you want an attorney?" Suspect Hard answered, "Yes, probably better get one." No further questions were asked by Det. Tharp.

9/3/20XX 2340 hrs. Suspect Hard was turned over to the custody of Officer Yale with instructions to conduct a breathalyzer test on suspect Hard but to conduct no further questioning concerning the shooting.

9/4/20XX 0030 hrs. Officer West arrives at Homicide Office from Mercy Hospital. Items of evidence gathered by Officer West from the hospital are delivered by Officer West to the evidence room. Evidence items include the victim's clothing and a closed folding buck knife found in the right hand pocket of the victim's jacket. West reports that victim is in critical but stable condition at Mercy Hospital.

9/4/20XX 0130 hrs. Suspect Hard booked for assault in the first degree.

9/4/20XX 0910 hrs. Several phone messages from the media concerning the case. Victim Summers seems to be a member of a neo-Nazi survivalist group. Message related to Information Officer. Neo-Nazi information confirmed by membership card Officer West found in victim's wallet.

9/4/20XX 0920 hrs. Det. to computer terminal. Check gun for stolen registration and any firearm registration to suspect. Firearm registered to Edward Taylor Hard. Also ran suspect and victim in computer system. They check clear with MJCIC and NCIC. Both have rap sheets contained in file.

9/4/20XX 1100 hrs. Affidavit of probable cause completed. Met with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Richardson and discussed case. Richardson will inform deputy in charge of preliminary appearance calendar of police department objection to release. Richardson agrees on potential charge of assault.

9/4/20XX 1305 hrs. Appointment with Deborah Summers. Statement obtained from her. On August 20, suspect Hard had assaulted victim in the Garage tavern. Victim struck suspect Hard, chipping tooth and bloodying suspect's lip. Suspect threatened victim. On Sept. 3, witness Summers and victim were in the same bar, and suspect made a comment about victim. She now states she witnessed suspect shoot victim on September 3rd. She saw no provocation by victim.

9/4/20XX 1410 hrs. Patrol dispatched to Mercy Hospital to recover slug taken from victim's body in surgery.

9/4/20XX 1430 hrs. Officer Harris delivers slug and victim's blood sample to Homicide Office. He packaged, labeled, and placed them in evidence.

9/4/20XX 1500 hrs. Lab reports request forms for fingerprints, victim's clothing and firearm completed and submitted to crime lab.

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9/5/20XX 1000 hrs. Report delivered to Senior Deputy Richardson and discussed. Further follow-up requested including additional information from bartender and waitress.

9/5/20XX 1300 hrs. Arrived at the Garage tavern. No additional information obtained from Donaldson, bartender. He can add nothing to statement. He recalls other patrons of tavern at time of shooting as:

Bert Kain and Angie Lenz – regular customers, he will have them call.

Robin Luntlebunk – regular customer, address unknown.

Waitress Mary Apple works later shift. Called at home – no answer.

9/5/20XX 1515hrs. Returned Homicide Office. Called Mary Apple. She did not see shooting because her back was to suspect and victim. She witnessed August 20 assault by suspect on victim, and statement is the same as Donaldson about this incident. She said that she thought Hard was intoxicated on September 3rd (speech was slurred). She could not remember if either Summers or Hard was intoxicated on August 20th. She recalls Cindy Rigg, patron, was in the bar August 20.

9/6/20XX 1030 hrs. Suspect charged Assault. Case cleared.

9/7/20XX 0745 hrs. Sgt. Maida advised Det. Tharp that victim Bruno Summers died 0130 hrs. this day. Autopsy to be conducted at 1100 hrs. Called and apprised Senior Deputy Richardson.

9/7/20XX 1130 hrs. Present at ME's Office for autopsy. Cause of death is gunshot wound.

9/7/20XX 1340 hrs. Met with Senior Deputy Richardson. Discussed ME's conclusion. Richardson to re-evaluate case for murder charge. Richardson requests that a statement be taken from Peter Dean and that any photos he may have taken with his cell phone be obtained.

9/7/20XX 1430 hrs. Determine from Detective Borden of burglary and theft unit that a potential witness, Jack Waters, may be in County Jail and wants to talk to homicide investigators. He is charged with possession of stolen property 1, bail \$20,000.

9/23/20XX 1500 hrs. Arrive at County Jail. Jack Waters brought down to Homicide Office. He indicates he observed the shooting, has important information, and that he wants immunity in exchange for testimony. Told him this was for the prosecutor to decide.

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Witnesses

Date of Crime: 9/3/20XX **Case No.:** 00432150
Date of Arrest: 9/3/20XX **Type of Case:** Homicide

Name:	Address:	Phone:
Mary Apple	1984 So. 41st.	(B) 233-4173
Dr. Brett Day	Mercy Hospital	(H) 394-8621
Peter Dean	444 Aitken St.	(B) 352-1000
Tom Donaldson	1776 Amble, Apt. #3	(H) 833-5142
Fred Faye	120 North Arch St. (American Gun Shop)	543-8444
Dr. L.R. Jackson	ME's Office	222-1783
Bert Kain	1408 Talbot Way	833-4829
Det. R. Tharp	Police Dept., Homicide Unit	342-1213
Cindy Rigg	10001 Axcell Blvd.	441-3000
Deborah Summers	1962 N.E. 6th	433-1112
H. Tredwell	Crime Laboratory	981-2222
Off. F. West	Police Dept., Unit 220	342-1183
Off. M. Yale	Police Dept., Unit 13	342-1181

Report prepared by: Det. Tharp, R.P.D.

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Evidence Record

Time: 2150 **Case No.:** 00432150
Date: 9/3/20XX **Type of Case:** Homicide
Type of Prem.: Tavern

Item No.	Quantity	Description	Entered By:
1	1	Bruno Summers' t-shirt	West
2	1	Bruno Summers' jacket	West
3	1	Bruno Summers' buck knife	West
4	1	Neo-Nazi card	Tharp
5	1	Edward Taylor Hard's .22 caliber revolver, serial #76636	Yale
6	5	One (1) expended and four (4) live rounds	Yale
7	1	Edward Taylor Hard's breathalyzer ampoule	Harris
8	1	.22 caliber slug removed from Bruno Summers by Dr. Brett Day	Harris
9	1	Blood sample	Harris
10	1	Test fired slug	Tredwell
11	1	Clothes - proximity testing	Tredwell