

## Shooting from 1B

of the shooting that sent patrons scrambling for cover about 1:20 a.m. Saturday. Thompson works at Duke's but had the night off. She was relaxing with friends when gunfire erupted.

Thompson did not know the man who shot her, she never even saw him.

"They told me if the bullet hit a millimeter (different) in any direction, I'd be dead," Thompson said.

The shooter remained at large over the weekend as Thompson underwent surgery for the wound to her abdomen. On Monday, Sharrod D. Holmes, 25, of St. Petersburg, turned himself in; he was being held Tuesday in county jail on various charges, including attempted murder and aggravated assault.

None of the regulars at the normally low-key bar recognized Holmes, said Danielle Davis, who tends bar with Thompson. "She just got caught up in it," Davis said. "Everyone is real sad about this."

Doctors told Thompson, a Lakewood High School graduate, she could be released as early as Thursday.

Police say Holmes' intended target was a man identified as Charles Jenkins. What the men fought about is unclear but soon a gun was revealed.

Something was wrong, however. "He was pulling the trigger but nothing was happening," recalled Davis, who watched as she crouched behind the bar. Holmes chased Jenkins outside, according to an arrest report, while trying to unjam the gun. He took aim, fired and missed Jenkins. But one of the bullets went



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through the hotel lobby window, a chair, and the wall Thompson was hiding behind, striking her.

Donna Thompson thought the worst when one of her daughter's friends knocked frantically on the door about 1:30 a.m. The family lives about a mile away from the bar. "Debbie's been shot," the friend said.

Earlier that night, Donna Thompson had attended a event for James Dolan, who was blinded in the Nov. 18 St. Petersburg RadioShack shootings that killed two others. Thompson and her daughter both help train guide dogs for the blind, and one was given to Dolan.

"My mind flashbaked. I was thinking permanent major damage or dead," Donna Thompson said.

By the time she reached the hospital, her fears were greatly allayed. Her daughter was awake and talking, but in serious pain. Doctors removed damaged tissue and part of her small intestine.

On Tuesday evening, Thompson was off her IV and had her first meal: chicken broth, ginger ale, Italian ice and lemon Jell-O. "That's a four course meal," her mother joked.

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**Investigative Summary**

**Date:** September 21, 2017

**Subject:** Attempt to locate Danielle Davis

This investigation focuses on the attempt to locate a Black female identified as Danielle Davis, and interviewing Davis about an incident (shooting in the city of St Petersburg) in 2005. I was hired by my Client Sharrod Holmes to question Davis about her possibly witnessing the incident and clearing Mr. Holmes of the shooting. After several attempts to contact Davis by leaving my business cards at her residence and talking to her neighbors, Davis called me via the phone and identified herself as Danielle Davis.

I asked Davis if she remembers being in the night club the night of the incident and witnessing the shooting. Davis immediately became evasive and hostile stating that she was not at the club the night the incident happened and that she did not witness any shooting and that I should not call or come by her residence to ask questions. I also asked Davis if she knew Mr. Holmes and she stated she did not know anyone by the name of Sharrod Holmes and that she does not hang in or work in a club. Davis was very adamant about not knowing anything about a shooting or going to a club the night in question. The questioning was terminated, and no other contact was made with Davis. This concludes my actions taken for this case.

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