

**State of Nova**

v.

**Brandy Alexander**

2026

**Shark Beach Showdown III:  
There is something in the water!**

# Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad School of Law

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## Rules of the Competition:

1. Each team will consist of at least four members. In each trial two students will advocate; one advocate will open, and the other advocate will close. Each advocate must do one direct and one cross examination. When it is that advocates time to perform, they will be responsible for all objections, making and responding. No team should make more than three motions in limine. For rounds 1 and 2 a NSU Law student will serve as one of the witnesses for each team. For all other rounds teams will provide both witnesses. You will meet your witness at the Orientation on the Thursday of the competition.
2. There is **no coaching** during the trial. The trial is considered to have begun once the parties have begun discussing pretrial matters. This means that for the purpose of this rule **the trial begins** before judges enter the room. Students should not receive any assistance on how to respond to any pretrial motions. You may exchange pleasantries and not start the trial but once you start talking about the case to each other no further communication with the coaches are permitted. Teams may confer with themselves but only with the witnesses that will be involved in that particular case. A non-testifying witness will be considered the same as a coach and cannot have contact with the team until the trial is over. Teams should refer to themselves by their designated letter and not their school's name. Although at the end of the round the schools will be revealed to the judges via the tournament director.
3. Each team has 65 minutes to try its case. The clock will not be stopped during objections, unless the objections require extensive argument. The 65 minutes does not include pre-trial motions, housekeeping/preliminary

matters, or mid-trial motions, if any. The clock starts at the opening statement. Teams attempting to game to trial by stalling or delaying as witnesses will be scored lower and in such cases a team may ask for an emergency reprise to give their closing of up to not more than 10 minutes. This is not required to be given by the presiding judge, they can decide if the opposing team was malingering as witnesses.

4. The team with the highest score on a ballot will be deemed the winner of that ballot. The team with the majority of ballots will be deemed the winner of the trial. The trials will not be judged on the merits, but on the skills of the advocates. If there is an even number of ballots, the ballot that is clearly inconsistent with the other ballots will be discarded. The tournament directors will make that decision.
5. The top eight teams based upon wins, then the number of ballots, then average point differential will advance to the quarterfinals. Each team will try the case four times in the preliminary rounds, twice on each side. The first round will be determined by a Challenge ceremony (One team picks opponent, chosen team selects the side of the case), the second round will be randomly paired. The third round will be power-matched and power-protected. The fourth round will be power-matched power-protected but based on results of the first two rounds. Every effort will be made not to have any repeat match-ups from the preliminary rounds to the quarter-final rounds. The semi-finals and finals are what they are.
6. For the first and second preliminary rounds one witness on each side will be played by an NSU student. Teams will learn which roles will be played by NSU students at the check-in on Thursday night. Teams will have Thursday evening and Friday morning to “woodshed” the NSU provided witness. Teams have no option to accept or reject that witness. For the third and fourth rounds until the end of the competition teams will use their own students for all their witnesses in the trial.
7. You may make reasonable inferences to add color to the characters but under no circumstances will an inference be considered reasonable if it changes a material fact. For example, saying that Brandy Alexander’s favorite color is blue is a reasonable and harmless inference. But saying Brandy Alexander is colorblind or has vision difficulties would not be a reasonable inference. There should be plenty in the packet to try an

exciting and interesting case. Teams can get in trouble if they live too much on the edge of the fact pattern.

8. The exhibits **will not** be pre-marked. All evidence will need to be marked for identification (State's exhibit A, Defense exhibit A) but once moved into evidence all evidence will be numbered and the numbered in the order that the evidence is offered. For example, State exhibit A may be entered into evidence first and it will be renamed Exhibit 1. Defense Exhibit A may be entered later in trial and would be named, for hypothetical purposes, Exhibit 9. Laying proper foundations for entering evidence will be required as it is a trial skill. However, nothing in this rule prohibits parties from agreeing to admit evidence before or during trial or to creating a list of agreed upon exhibit identifiers.
9. No team will face the same team a second time in the preliminary rounds. If teams face each other a second time in the semi-finals or finals, there will be a natural flip and they will argue the opposite sides from the first trial.
10. In the quarter-finals, the higher seed will choose which side they wish to represent. In the semi-finals and finals, the co-directors will decide who represents which side of the case with an effort being made to not have one team stay on one side of the case an inordinate amount of times -- if it can be avoided.
11. A witness may not say that "I was never asked that" in response to a question. If a witness is asked a question outside the four corners of the problem on cross-examination, they may choose to answer the question or ask that their memory be refreshed. There will not be any impeachment by omission for any answer to a cross-examination question that was posited to the witness for the first time on cross-examination and the witness reasonably answers the question. If a witness makes a material fact on direct or re-direct examination, they must admit that fact is new. It needs to be a material fact – one that is used to sway the jury and one used not only in exams but also in opens or close.
12. Protests will be decided by the tournament directors. A loser pays rule is in effect. If you file a protest and it is not granted, the suggested penalty will be assessed against the protesting team. **No protest fishing** is permitted either (Running hypothetical situations by the tournament

directors to see if they were to file, if it would be successful). Either protest or don't protest and live with the consequences.

13. **Coach's Lounge.** There will be a room at the Sheraton that is for coaches only. It will be stocked with assorted beverages and snacks and the ballots or summary card from the trials on day one. If you wish to see your scores you may come to the coach's lounge. Ballots or summary cards will not leave the coaches lounge, and you may not send scores to other coaches. The purpose of the coach's lounge is to promote camaraderie amongst the coaches and that will in turn eliminate any potential nonsense. No students will be allowed in the coach's lounge. If you do not come see your scores, we will not tell you your scores until after the competition.
14. Each team will be responsible for bringing their own enlargements, if any. There will not be any technology available for the advocates. Teams are encouraged to share any enlargements. The host will not be providing whiteboard or easels either and cannot guarantee their availability at the courthouse so if you plan on using a whiteboard or flip chart teams are responsible for bringing their own. Teams may not pre-make any original evidentiary items but may through the course of the trial create any demonstrative them deem helpful. This construction must be done either during examinations or speeches.
15. A limited supply of water bottles will be provided for the Courthouse, but teams are encouraged to bring refillable bottles for the competition. Please make sure the water bottles do not identify your school and can be closed.
16. The defendant has a unique characteristic that he tends to stutter when he ingests even the smallest amount of alcohol or they are nervous. This is a stipulated fact. **HOWEVER**, under no circumstances shall the person playing that role on the witness stand speak with any stutter or any speech impediment at all. If asked, one can say that speech therapy subsequent to the crash has eased the manifestation of the stutter when nervous.
17. There will be a short coaches meeting on Zoom on Monday, February 16 at 8:15 p.m. Eastern time. We will talk logistics.



## **Summary of the Case:**

To celebrate one month since the Florida Panthers won the Stanley Cup and to bring their own team, Nova Guppies minor league baseball team, some good mojo, Brandy Alexander, star pitcher for the Guppies, along with teammates Bruce Benedict, Pedro Velazquez and Diego Elias went out for a night on the town. The night took a turn for the worst when Brandy, Bruce, and their new acquaintance Megan Morrison went out for a late-night boat ride on Brandy's boat. Sometime around 4 a.m. on July 18, 2025, the boat, while cruising in the Atlantic, crashed into a jetty, which is wall of rocks that extends out into the ocean to help calm the waters to allow a boat to enter any. The crashed caused Megan Morrison to be thrown off the boat where she struck the rocks and was killed, the boat itself suffered permanent damage. Brandy Alexander was charged with BUI manslaughter and Vehicular Homicide.

### **Witnesses:**

Teams can call witnesses in any order however, the State must call Detective Dale Murphy and Bruce Benedict and no one else as a live witness. The Defense must call Brandy Alexander and Bobby Denver.

Even though gender specific pronouns were used in the problem, witnesses may be any gender and will assume the gender of the person playing that role in each trial. For example, if the person playing Brandy Alexander is female, then Brandy is female.

## Applicable NOVA Law

### **Boating Under the Influence Manslaughter:**

To prove the crime of Boating Under the Influence Manslaughter, the State must prove the following four elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. Operating or having actual physical control any motorized vessel, boat, ship, or water craft;
2. Through such operation or actual physical control results in the death of another human being;
3. While the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle safely had his/her normal faculties impaired by alcohol or narcotics; and
4. The operation caused the death of the victim.

### **Vehicular Homicide:**

To prove the crime of Vehicular Homicide, the state must prove the following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. Killing of a human being;
2. Caused by the operation of a motor vehicle by another;
3. Acts in a reckless manner likely to cause the death of, or great bodily harm to, another.

### **Involuntary Intoxication:**

Involuntary Intoxication is not a defense in the state of Nova.

### **Definitions.**

A "motor vehicle" includes any motorized thing used for transporting people or goods, such as a car, truck, train, or boat.

An "act" includes a series of related actions arising from and performed pursuant to a single design or purpose.

"Actual physical control" means the defendant must be physically in [or on] the vehicle and have the capability to operate the vehicle.

"Normal faculties" include but are not limited to the ability to see, hear, walk, talk, judge distances, drive a motor vehicle, make judgments, act in emergencies and, in general, to normally perform the many mental and physical acts of our daily lives.

Being “Impaired” means to be unable to perform a task as reasonably prudent person due to the influence of alcohol or narcotics. In other words, an actor’s ability to perform a task is diminished below what a reasonable person who is not impaired ability.

To act “Recklessly” means that a person with respect to a material element of an offense, consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the material element exists or will result from his conduct. The risk must be of such nature and degree that, considering the nature and purpose of the actor’s conduct and the circumstances known to him, its disregard involves a gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a law-abiding person would observe in the actor’s situation.

### Credibility of evidence

It is up to you to decide what evidence is reliable. You should use your common sense in deciding which is the best evidence and which evidence should not be relied upon in considering your verdict. You may find some of the evidence not reliable, or less reliable than other evidence.

You should consider how the witnesses acted, as well as what they said. Some things you should consider are:

1. Did the witness seem to have an opportunity to see and know the things about which the witness testified?
2. Did the witness seem to have an accurate memory?
3. Was the witness honest and straightforward in answering the attorneys’ questions?
4. Did the witness have some interest in how the case should be decided?
5. Does the witness’s testimony agree with the other testimony and other evidence in the case?
6. Has the witness been offered or received any money, preferred treatment, or other benefit in order to get the witness to testify?
7. Had any pressure or threat been used against the witness that affected the truth of the witness’s testimony?
8. Did the witness at some other time make a statement that is inconsistent with the testimony [he] [she] gave in court?
9. Has the witness been convicted of a [felony] [misdemeanor involving [dishonesty] [false statement]]?
10. Does the witness have a general reputation for [dishonesty] [truthfulness]?

Whether the State has met its burden of proof does not depend upon the number of witnesses it has called or upon the number of exhibits it has offered, but instead upon the nature and quality of the evidence presented.

The fact that a witness is employed in law enforcement does not mean that [his] [her] testimony deserves more or less consideration than that of any other witness.

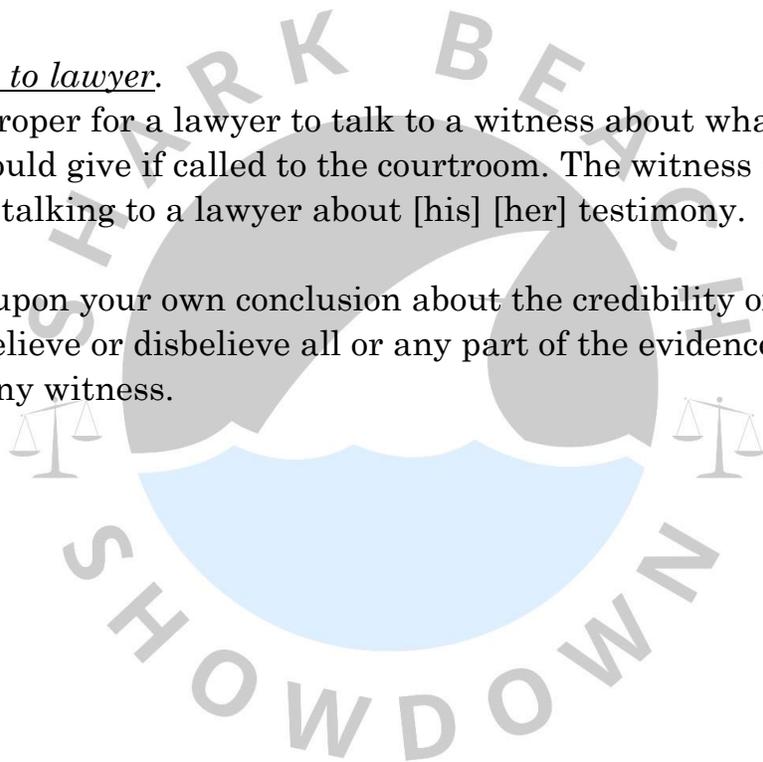
*Defendant testifying.*

The defendant in this case has become a witness. You should apply the same rules to consideration of [his] [her] testimony that you apply to the testimony of the other witnesses.

*Witness talked to lawyer.*

It is entirely proper for a lawyer to talk to a witness about what testimony the witness would give if called to the courtroom. The witness should not be discredited by talking to a lawyer about [his] [her] testimony.

You may rely upon your own conclusion about the credibility of any witness. A juror may believe or disbelieve all or any part of the evidence or the testimony of any witness.



## **Factual Stipulations:**

1. All witnesses are familiar with any photographs or documents contained in the packet that it would be reasonable for them to be familiar with. i.e. the officers have seen the search warrants and their internal affairs reports. Or someone who has been on the boat would be familiar with the boat and the people on the boat.
2. The case will come to trial on February 20-22, 2026.
3. The autopsy revealed that Megan Morrison died from blunt force trauma to the front of her skull. Pieces of gravel consistent with the rocks at the (name) jetty were found embedded in her skull. Her blood alcohol level was .21. She was born January 18, 2001, and died July 18, 2025. She was survived by her parents Peter and Mallory Morrison and her younger sister Makenzi as well as her beloved apricot standard poodle, Ellie Mae.
4. Detective Murphy spoke to all potential witnesses at each of the five bars, including the bartenders, and found no other relevant information that was either inculpatory or exculpatory for the defendant. All pertinent witnesses are set to testify at trial.
5. Detective Murphy also viewed the security video from each of the five bars and any pertinent information is discussed in the testimony. The defense has seen all videos and no objections to what was viewed on the videos will be made to the pertinent information provided in the testimony.
6. There will be no accomplice liability tried in this case.
7. The prosecution must be prepared to try the case as a BUI Manslaughter case and a Vehicular Homicide case. They will not run with both theories. Which charge they will have to prove will be announced before the round and selected by the Tournament Directors. In the semi-finals and finals, the prosecution team will get to choose which crime it seeks to prove and must disclose to the defense team 3 minutes after it is determined which team will be prosecution and which team will be defense.

8. Ted Daus, manager of the Nova Guppies, did confirm that Brandy Alexander did complain about his chest being sore before pitching on July 17, 2025.
9. At the time of trial, Detective Murphy has read all witnesses grand jury testimony. No other witness is familiar with the grand jury testimony of any other witness.
10. All motions based on the best evidence rule for the video surveillance have been overruled. Both parties had a chance to review the videos but because the time limitation of the trials no videos or screenshots of the video will be shown and no arguments shall be made about the lack of videos being shown.
11. The slippery nipple shots served at 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries on July 18, 2025, were larger than most. It contained 1 ounce Sambuca (84-86 proof), 1 ounce of Irish Crème liqueur (34 proof), and ½ ounce Grenadine (for color and sweetness). It is topped with a maraschino cherry.
12. Phone records indicate that no phone calls were made from Brandy Alexander to Alan Hale on July 17 or 18, 2025. There was one text message at 11:47 p.m. on July 17, 2025, that was from Brandy Alexander which read, “hey come take me for a boat ride, I’m bored.” The only response was at 11:56 p.m. from Alan Hale which read, “Hell NO! I’m going to bed”
13. The diagram that shows the pathway of Brandy Alexander’s boat in the morning of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is authenticated by the black box recorder from the boat and shall be received into evidence without objection.
14. The adjudication dated January 4, 2025, is an official court document and may be admitted in evidence without objection, if relevant.
15. All receipts were signed by Brandy Alexander. No argument can be made that it is not Brandy’s signature on all five receipts.

**State of Nova  
Broward County  
Criminal Division CR: 25-05497**

STATE OF NOVA	)	
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BRANDY ALEXANDER	)	

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant’s motion to dismiss the indictment based on Double Jeopardy grounds is hereby denied. However, the state may only pursue either BUI Manslaughter or Vehicular Homicide and may not present both charges in the same trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Xavier Sanders  
Judge, Xavier Sanders

1 Grand Jury Testimony of Bruce Benedict

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3 Grand jury date: September 29, 2025.

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5 Attorney for the state is Zachary Brill.

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7 Witness is sworn in by the bailiff.

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9 Background:

10 Q. Introduce yourself and spell your name for the record:

11 A. I am Bruce Benedict. My friends call “eggs.”

12  
13 Q. What shall I call you?

14 A. Bruce

15  
16 Q. Okay Mr. Benedict, what do you do for a living?

17 A. I am a professional baseball player. Last season I was the starting catcher  
18 for the Nova Guppies, a double-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins.

19  
20 Q. Do you know Brandy Alexander?

21 A. Yes, Brandy is a real superstar pitcher. He has a 98-mph fastball, a big  
22 sweeping curve and a cutter. Just to be cruel he throws a mean change-up  
23 as well. Brandy signed a huge deal coming out of college at Coastal  
24 Carolina in the summer of 2024. Because of that, Brandy is generationally  
25 wealthy before pitching one time in the major leagues. Brandy is a great  
26 person. Fun loving! Brandy loves five things in life (holding up five  
27 fingers), alcohol, boating, baseball, and chasing the ladies.

28  
29 Q. What is the fifth?

30 A. Fifth what?

31  
32 Q. Fifth thing, you said there were five.

33 A. Sorry I am not good with math. I have taken my fair share of foul balls to  
34 the old coconut.

35  
36 Q. Fair enough. Were you with Brandy on the night of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025?

37 A. I sure was. We were celebrating a big win over of our rivals from up north  
38 the Macon Whoopee, and celebrating the one month since the Panthers  
39 won the Stanley Cup you know, in hockey. We decided to go bar hopping  
40 then take a late-night cruise on Brandy’s boat. The goal was to see how  
41 many people would join us.

1  
2 Q. Where did the night begin?  
3 A. We started at Blondies. It was packed for a Friday night – which I thought  
4 was strange. But we are local celebrities of sorts, so we got in and had run  
5 of the place.  
6  
7 Q. Who was with you to start the night?  
8 A. It was me, Brandy, Pedro Velaquez, and Diego Ellias. Pedro and Diego are  
9 inseparable, and Diego is always the life of the party. They both play for  
10 the Guppies as well. We were trying to get a group to go with us on  
11 Brandy’s boat but were not having much success.  
12  
13 Q. Did you do any drinking?  
14 A. I did, of course, I never met a drink I did not like, except absinthe or  
15 Jägermeister, that stuff is ass.  
16  
17 Q. Who else drank?  
18 A. Everyone drank including the bartender Karley, she even took shots with  
19 us. But Brandy did not drink at Blondies. Brandy has his usual Coke zero  
20 and grilled chicken sandwich.  
21  
22 Q. I thought you said one of Brandy’s “five” things was alcohol?  
23 A. It is, but after his DUI in December 2024 Brandy stopped drinking cold  
24 turkey or wild turkey, not sure which is which, but he definitely stopped  
25 drinking bourbon. But with the big contract in Brandy’s bank account,  
26 Brandy was quick to buy anyone and everyone a drink, whether or not  
27 Brandy was also drinking.  
28  
29 Q. Did Brandy buy all the drinks at Blondies?  
30 A. Yes. Brandy bought all the drinks everywhere all night.  
31  
32 Q. Showing witness a receipt from Blondies of July 17<sup>th</sup>, are these all the  
33 drinks purchased?  
34 A. It looks like it. I had the vodka club soda and so did Pedro and Diego. The  
35 shots were for all the other patrons at the bar.  
36  
37 Q. Where did you go after Blondies?  
38 A. Having no luck gathering a quorum we headed to the Elbo Room. That is  
39 where the Panthers celebrated in June, so we wanted to go there too.  
40  
41

1 Q. How did things go at the Elbo Room?  
2 A. Same as Blondies, we mixed and mingled and Brandy bought lots of shots  
3 for anyone and everyone, but we could not get people to head out on the  
4 water with us. I would say mainly because this is the Panthers bar and  
5 some of the players were there. Kinda upstaged Brandy, if you know what  
6 I mean. Who wants an autograph from a double-A minor leaguer when  
7 Alexander Barkov, Sam Bennett, and Sergei "Bob" Bobrovsky are there?  
8  
9 Q. Not me, go Panthers! Showing the witness a receipt from the Elbo Room of  
10 July 17<sup>th</sup>, are these all the drinks purchased?  
11 A. It looks like it. I had more club soda and vodka as well as did Diego and  
12 Pedro. Brandy did not drink anything as far as I can remember.  
13  
14 Q. Where did you go next?  
15 A. After the Elbo Room we went to Coconuts.  
16  
17 Q. Why did you go there?  
18 A. Well Brandy really wanted to go out on his boat that night, but no one  
19 wanted to go so we figured we would get closer to the water and increase  
20 our chances.  
21  
22 Q. Do you know why did Brandy wanted people to go on the boat so badly?  
23 A. Yes, Brandy is a huge show-off. Brandy loves attention and loves being the  
24 center of attention. Brandy grew up without money and so now that  
25 Brandy has money he likes to flaunt it. Brandy thinks money is power.  
26 And nothing shows power like having people fawn all over you. It wasn't  
27 like Brandy was trying to get a big sex party together. Brandy generally  
28 just wanted to be adored. But ... whatever happened on the boat stayed on  
29 the boat. That was Brandy's rule.  
30  
31 Q. How did things go at Coconuts?  
32 A. Lots of fun. More drinking and some games but mostly just socializing.  
33  
34 Q. Did Brandy drink at Coconuts?  
35 A. Only Coke zero as far as I could tell. I started mixing things up and moved  
36 to tequila sunrises. Brandy was of course pushing shots on any attractive  
37 person, male or female, he did not care, he just wanted a posse. We left  
38 around midnight.  
39  
40 Q. Showing witness a receipt from the Coconuts from July 17<sup>th</sup>, are these all  
41 the drinks purchased?

1 A. It looks like it. I mean that is Brandy's signature on the tab. I have seen it  
2 and I am familiar with it. More liquor, silly shots, his Coke zero and huh,  
3 that's interesting.  
4

5 Q. What is interesting.  
6 A. There is a Michelob Ultra also listed on this receipt. I did not remember  
7 anyone getting a beer and the only beer drinker of the group is Brandy  
8 and Michelob Ultra is his go to beer.  
9

10 Q. You sure it was not one of the others in the group?  
11 A. You know what they say, liquor before beer, never been sicker; beer before  
12 liquor, you're in the clear.  
13

14 Q. I am 100% positive you have that backwards, but we will move on. Where  
15 did you go next?  
16 A. It was around midnight and Brandy was convinced he could not get people  
17 to go for a boat ride without having his Emma. We went and picked up the  
18 boat from the marina where she is kept.  
19

20 Q. I am sorry, his Emma?  
21 A. Yes, that is what Brandy called the boat. It was originally called the  
22 "Emma Lester," after his first crush, but the marina said that the name  
23 violated the values and decency norms of the marina (say it fast), so he  
24 just left it as "Lester," but we all refer to it as "Emma".  
25

26 Q. What did you do after picking up "Emma"?  
27 A. We drove, well Brandy drove the boat to Shorely, a bar that has water  
28 access.  
29

30 Q. Was it still the four of you?  
31 A. No, Pedro and Diego left. They did not want to get on a boat at night, they  
32 thought it was too risky and felt like they were going to be part of a Dexter  
33 episode. So, it was just Brandy and myself at this point.  
34

35 Q. Any problems getting the boat?  
36 A. No. That boat is Brandy's baby. He won't let anyone drive. He even has a  
37 stupid captain hat he wears.  
38

39 Q. Who drove the boat to Shorely?  
40 A. Brandy.  
41

1 Q. Showing you video taken from Shorely on that night. You can see here  
2 that the boat is not in frame but Brandy was the first one off the boat. And  
3 then you are seen getting off and securing the boat to the dock. Does that  
4 contradict your claims of who was operating the boat.  
5 A. Absolutely not, what you cannot see from the video is him driving and  
6 then bossing me around. He hopped off and told me to make myself of  
7 value and tie up the boat.  
8  
9 Q. You know how to do that?  
10 A. It's not geology. You know rock science.  
11  
12 Q. You mean rocket science?  
13 A. Sure, it's not difficult.  
14  
15 Q. How did things go at Shorely?  
16 A. Well they usually close at 1 a.m. so we were not there long. We made some  
17 friends and Brandy was again generous with the drinks. We met a Guppie  
18 groupie there, her name was Megan Morrison. She knew everything about  
19 the team and was really giving Brandy a lot of attention. But just friendly  
20 attention, Megan only dates guys 6 foot 5 or taller, Brandy had no chance.  
21 She is such high energy. She introduced herself to everyone saying, "I'm  
22 Megan Morrison, flip it around wicked witch!!" (She made two M's with  
23 her hand and then made them W's)  
24  
25 Q. Showing the witness a receipt obtained from Shorely. Will you tell us who  
26 drank what?  
27 A. Well we had three rounds of tequila shots with Megan and three of her  
28 friends.  
29  
30 Q. Is this a picture of Megan and her friends?  
31 A. Yes, Megan is in the Guppies jersey, representing!  
32  
33 Q. So you and Megan's three friends had three rounds of tequila shots.  
34 Anyone else take shots?  
35 A. Not at the bar. We kinda homed in on Megan and her friends. We did not  
36 buy for the whole bar this time.  
37  
38 Q. Did you drink anything else?  
39 A. Oh yes, they also had a round of Oatmeal Cookie shots. I didn't it has  
40 Jägermeister in it.  
41

1 Q. According to this receipt there are more shots than you accounted for.  
2 A. No, Brandy took some of those shots with them. He was still a gloomy Gus  
3 and the group sort of egged him on to do it.  
4  
5 Q. Where did you go after Shorely?  
6 A. We went to 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries. But we did not go alone. Megan tagged  
7 along. We hoped she would be a pied piper and get others to come along on  
8 the boat. But they were worn out. Megan was like the energizer bunny  
9  
10 Q. How did things go at 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries?  
11 A. They were staying open until 3 a.m. for some reason, so we stayed until  
12 they kicked us out.  
13  
14 Q. Did you drink at 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries?  
15 A. Yes, we all did.  
16  
17 Q. You all did?  
18 A. Yes, this was the first time I saw Brandy buy a drink for himself, well  
19 besides the shots and the earlier beer. Brandy had a Michelob Ultra.  
20  
21 Q. Just one?  
22 A. One that I saw, but the bottles all look the same and I am not his mother,  
23 so I was not watching him like a hawk.  
24  
25 Q. Is this the receipt from 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries?  
26 A. Looks like it?  
27  
28 Q. Who drank what?  
29 A. I had one last tequila sunrise, Brandy had the Michelob Ultras, and  
30 Megan and whoever else had the slippery nipples.  
31  
32 Q. Excuse me?  
33 A. It's a shot.  
34  
35 Q. Oh, there are a lot of shots listed!  
36 A. Brandy is generous.  
37  
38 Q. Do you know why Brandy started drinking that night after being sober?  
39 A. I know that Brandy was disappointed in the ball game earlier in the day,  
40 which is why he wanted to go out.  
41

1 Q. Why disappointed, didn't you win?  
2 A. We won 12-11 but we were up 12-1 after two innings and then Brandy  
3 gave up a lots of runs in the fifth inning including 3 wild pitches. Eight  
4 runs to be precise. Brandy still got credit for the win, but his ERA went  
5 sky high.  
6  
7 Q. ERA?  
8 A. Earned Run Average. It is a metric by which you can measure a pitcher's  
9 performance. The lower the better.  
10  
11 Q. What did that mean for Brandy having his ERA go up?  
12 A. It meant that he would be stuck in the minors for longer. If you are not  
13 dominating double-A ball you will not get called up to the majors, no  
14 matter how much you are being paid.  
15  
16 Q. What did you do after you left 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries and who was with you?  
17 A. Megan, myself, and Brandy went out on the boat. Brandy wanted to drive  
18 fast on the ocean. Megan and I were too drunk to really care we just  
19 wanted to make Brandy happy.  
20  
21 Q. Why did you want to make Brandy happen?  
22 A. Brandy is an acquired taste. He is not for everyone, but thinks his money  
23 makes him likable. And if he is happy, he treats me right.  
24  
25 Q. Did Brandy seem impaired to you as you left the final bar?  
26 A. He was not his normal self, I mean he was drinking and carrying beer out  
27 with him.  
28  
29 A. Did you try to drive the boat?  
30 Q. I was begging Brandy to drive the boat, but he was adamant that I could  
31 not.  
32  
33 Q. Are you nervous about testifying against Brandy?  
34 A. Well, I am just telling the truth. I did not kill anyone and will not take the  
35 blame for his inadequacies.  
36  
37 Q. Okay, what happened when you got the boat out on the ocean?  
38 A. Well I asked if I could drive the boat while at 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries, but  
39 Brandy was adamant nobody but him is captain of the boat so I stood right  
40 next to him to try to annoy him, you know what they say the greasy wheel  
41 gets to drive the boat.

1  
2 Q. Nobody says that. Did you ever drive the boat?  
3 A. No, never.  
4  
5 Q. What happened on the ocean?  
6 A. Brandy drove us out about 2 miles offshore so that the city lights weren't a  
7 distraction and we dropped anchor to look at the stars for about half an  
8 hour.  
9  
10 Q. Was there any drinking on the boat?  
11 A. I past out and just remember Brandy waking me up and telling me to earn  
12 my keep and to pull up the anchor. I saw Megan with a Michelob Ultra in  
13 her hand and another empty bottle was on the floor of the boat.  
14  
15 Q. Then what happened?  
16 A. After I got the anchor up, Brandy started off so fast I fell down. Brandy  
17 was running the boat at top speed. We had to be going about 80 mph. It's  
18 hard to tell with a boat because the wind is so strong, but we were maxing  
19 out the engine. Brandy was laughing saying he was going balls to the wall  
20 with the boat. The boat was going so fast that is was up on plane making  
21 it hard to see over the bow.  
22  
23 Q. What direction was the boat going?  
24 A. We went out from shore so east then started riding parallel to the shore so  
25 I guess south. Eventually, we were kinda all over the place at first. To be  
26 honest, Brandy did not seemed as skilled with the boat as I expected.  
27  
28 Q. Where was Brandy?  
29 A. Behind the wheel  
30  
31 Q. Where were you?  
32 A. I was tucked down holding on for dear life.  
33  
34 Q. Where was Megan?  
35 A. She was in the front of the boat up on the railing doing her impression of  
36 Titanic's "I'm the queen of the world, I can fly"  
37  
38 Q. What happened next?  
39 A. Out of nowhere we crashed. The boat flipped up and then over. I remember  
40 hearing the motoring running hot then dying out.  
41

1 Q. What happened to everyone?  
2 A. Since I was tucked down, I just went with the boat. I was almost upside  
3 down on top the rocks. I dropped down and realized we hit a jetty.  
4  
5 Q. Where was Brandy?  
6 A. Brandy went backwards. I think maybe after initially hitting the steering  
7 wheel he flew backwards and landed in the water. I watched him climb up  
8 on the jetty. Look at the boat and say, “well, I guess its over for me now.”  
9 He then reached up into the boat. Pulled out three beers from the cooler  
10 and sat on the top of the jetty and started drinking. He said, “my chest is  
11 killing me.”  
12  
13 Q. Where was Megan?  
14 A. I had no idea where she was. She was not on the jetty, and I never heard  
15 from her. I saw later when the patrol arrived that she was on the south  
16 side of the jetty. She obviously flew forward out of the boat. She was  
17 floating in the water. Dead.  
18  
19 Q. Did you try to help her?  
20 A. Like I said, I did not know where she was until the patrol arrived. And  
21 that was like half hour to an hour after the wreck.  
22  
23 Q. Did Brandy try to help?  
24 A. No, Brandy just sat on the jetty and drank. He drank at least two beers,  
25 maybe more waiting on help to arrive.  
26  
27 Q. Were you injured?  
28 A. No, outside of a little bruising on my hip I from impact, I was fine. Thank  
29 goodness I was numb from all the alcohol or that would have really hurt.  
30  
31 Q. One last question. Are you aware of any car accidents Brandy may have  
32 been in a few days before the crash?  
33 A. Car accident? I never heard of any accident. No. Brandy never drives.  
34 Since his DUI he Ubers or has someone pick him up. I have never seen  
35 Brandy drive a car, ever.  
36  
37 Q. How long have you known Brandy?  
38 A. Since he got on the team in July 2024.  
39  
40 Q. No further questions.  
41

Grand Jury Testimony of Dale Murphy

Grand jury date: September 29, 2025.

Attorney for the state is Zachary Brill.

Witness is sworn in by the bailiff.

Q. Introduce yourself to the grand jury.

A. I'm Detective Dale Murphy. I am with the Nova Marine Patrol. I have been part of the Nova police force for 17 years. I became a detective eight years when promoted to the burglary unit. Then after completing a 320-hour boating investigation and advanced investigation course at the National Institute of Marine safety, another 320-hour course, I became a Marine Patrol Unit Detective. I also successfully completed an occupant kinematics scientist course at Nova International University two years ago along with all my basic D.U.I. training over the years and my academy training many years ago. Plus, my numerous automobile D.U.I. arrest over many years – kind of like on the job training of actually dealing with impaired drivers.

Q. What is the Nova Marine Patrol?

A. We are the law enforcement department responsible for the rivers, canals, and intercoastal waterway boating and fishing violations along with the oceans six miles offshore coastal waters of the state of Nova. We often work alongside the local coast guard and the sheriff's office marine unit.

Q. Have you ever investigated a boating accident?

A. Unfortunately, yes. More than I can recall. You might be surprised how many people drink and drive a boat.

Q. How many boating accidents have you investigated?

A. Proximately 80-100

Q. How many times have you testified in court relating to your boating accident investigations?

A. At least 25

Q. Why did you testify in only one-third of the investigations?

A. My investigations are so solid they plead guilty ... because they are guilty.

1 Q. How did you get involved in the investigation into the death of Megan  
2 Morrison?  
3 A. I got a call after hearing that EMT had been called to the scene of a  
4 boating accident.  
5  
6 Q. Where was the accident?  
7 A. The boat ran up on the jetty at Port Everglades.  
8  
9 Q. Is that in Broward county?  
10 A. Yes, it is.  
11  
12 Q. What did you do first?  
13 A. I responded to the scene of the accident.  
14  
15 Q. What was your first thought as you were heading over to the scene of the  
16 accident?  
17 A. I was wondering if the lights were out on the jetty again.  
18  
19 Q. What do you mean?  
20 A. Well, every 50 yards there is a flashing red light to alert boats that the  
21 jetty is ahead. There are four lights on this jetty.  
22  
23 Q. What is a jetty?  
24 A. It's basically a makeshift wall that is used to help boats navigate into port.  
25 It serves to calm the waters. It's usually made of boulders that are quite  
26 visible during the day but at times can be hard to see at night.  
27  
28 Q. Is that why there are lights on the jetty?  
29 A. Yes, not a lot, just a few to let boaters know to go out deeper to go around  
30 the jetty. They are not continuous lights. They are spread out. We had  
31 been having some issues with lights two and three, the middle lights  
32 malfunctioning the week of the accident.  
33  
34 Q. Were the lights working when you arrived?  
35 A. As far as I can remember lights one and four (the one closest to the shore  
36 and the one furthest from the shore) were working, but it was close to  
37 daybreak when I arrived, and they only come on in the dark.  
38  
39 Q. What about the third light? Was it working?  
40 A. I have no idea. The boat ran up on it and crushed it. Light three had been  
41 malfunctioning but light two was not operational on the night in question.

1 Lights two and three had been malfunctioning previously. Here is the  
2 incident report of it being out two days prior.

3  
4 Q. What did you see when you got to the jetty?

5 A. I saw a boat jammed way up on the jetty and flipped over.

6  
7 Q. Have you ever seen anything like this before?

8 A. Yes, but not this severe. Usually if a boat hits the jetty, it pierces the boat  
9 or the boat bounces off. For this boat to be in this condition it had to be  
10 going at a high rate of speed. I mean some of the boulders are at an angle  
11 so a boat could run up on it but to be that far out of the water it had to be  
12 going really fast violating the no wake zone speed limit that exists around  
13 Port Everglades.

14  
15 Q. Can you estimate how fast?

16 A. I cannot, but I don't have to. The boat has a black box recorder like a car or  
17 airplane that keeps track of how the engine was running. This vessel had  
18 two huge twin 400 outboard motors. In addition, as you can see in this  
19 photo, the boat throttles were found in the maxed output position called,  
20 "full throttled."

21  
22 Q. Did you see any people near the boat?

23 A. Yes, I saw the EMT people fishing out a body of who I later learned was  
24 Megan Morrison. Her body was on the other side of the jetty from the boat.  
25 Here is a photo of her in the water.

26  
27 Q. Do you know Megan Morrison?

28 A. I do, she is, was, my second cousin. She loved life and was always happy.  
29 She will be dearly missed. She just finished her masters in Nursing at  
30 Nova International University. And boy did she love the Nova Guppies.  
31 She was 24 years old, in the prime of her life.

32  
33 Q. Did that create a conflict of interest for you?

34 A. No. I can be objective. It just made me more determined than ever to get  
35 the son of a bitch that did this to her.

36  
37 Q. Well given your dogged determination did you come to an opinion as an  
38 investigator as to how Ms. Morrison ended up dead?

39 A. She was thrown from the boat, she was sitting in the bow of the boat, no  
40 life preserver, obviously.

41

1 Q. Do you know how she died?  
2 A. Well, she had a blunt force trauma to the head, that could have killed her  
3 or at least knocked her out and then landing in the water she drowned. I'll  
4 have to let the coroner determine that for certain. I am certain she was not  
5 dead when she got on the boat, so whatever killed her occurred in the  
6 ocean.  
7  
8 Q. Did you see anyone else?  
9 A. Yes, I saw Bruce Benedict and Brandy Alexander. I will admit I was a  
10 little star struck. They are the stars of the Nova Guppies. I wanted to ask  
11 for their autographs but realized I probably was going to ask for their  
12 fingerprints instead.  
13  
14 Q. Why? Did you not think this was an accident?  
15 A. Well, I don't think they meant for it to happen, but it was clearly reckless.  
16 Look at these photos of the boat. It is ruined. And this is not a simple  
17 "fender bender"  
18  
19 Q. What, if anything, did you notice about Bruce Benedict?  
20 A. Well, Bruce was intoxicated. I gave him a breathalyzer and Bruce blew a  
21 .12. Bruce did not have any serious injuries, except a cut to his head. EMT  
22 checked him out and suggested he might have a concussion, but it was  
23 hard to tell give the level of intoxication. He refused any further medical  
24 treatment.  
25  
26 Q. A .12? How long after the crash did you test him.  
27 A. Well we did not hear about it until approximately an hour after it occurred  
28 and it took us 30 to 45 minutes to get out there.  
29  
30 Q. Did Bruce say anything?  
31 A. He just kept mumbling "I told him to slow down, I told him to slow down."  
32  
33 Q. And what about Brandy Alexander. Did you talk to him?  
34 A. Yes, strangely enough Brandy was sitting on top of the jetty staring out  
35 into the ocean drinking a Michelob Ultra. He was as nonchalant as one  
36 can be. He appeared oblivious as to what just happened.  
37  
38 Q. Brandy was drinking a beer at the scene of the crash?  
39 A. Yes. Brandy said it was hair of the dog and that after what happened a  
40 drink was in order.  
41

1 Q. Did you test Brandy's blood alcohol level?  
2 A. I did not.  
3  
4 Q. Why not?  
5 A. Well, like I said, I am a big fan and I know that he was on a big kick to be  
6 sober after a DUI he received back in 2024. Besides, he was drinking at  
7 the time, it would not be accurate.  
8  
9 Q. Did Brandy smell of alcohol?  
10 A. Yes, and his eyes were bloodshot and he was sluggish acting and slurring  
11 his words. But I have to factor in that he was just in a traumatic boating  
12 accident.  
13  
14 Q. Did Brandy tell you anything?  
15 A. Not much, only that his chest hurt and that he never should have let  
16 Bruce drive the boat.  
17  
18 Q. Did you examine the boat?  
19 A. I did, I found the vessel's console in tack, so I took fingerprints.  
20  
21 Q. Did you get results from the fingerprints.  
22 A. Yes, I got a match of all ten fingers from Brandy on the steering wheel and  
23 a match of the right thumb, index and middle finger from Bruce on the left  
24 side of the steering wheel and one index fingerprint from Bruce on the  
25 throttle. But unfortunately, there were no fingerprints from Brandy on the  
26 throttle. That does not mean he did not touch it – everybody knows that  
27 you don't leave fingerprints on everything you touch.  
28  
29 Q. Notice anything else?  
30 A. Yes, there were several empty Michelob Ultra bottle, and an empty bottle  
31 of prosecco.  
32  
33 Q. Anything else?  
34 A. I pulled the black box from the boat and I got the credit card information  
35 from both Brandy and Bruce. I wanted to retrace their steps that night.  
36  
37 Q. What did you learn from black box ..  
38 A. The black box gives us a GPS fix and tells us how the boat engine was  
39 running. In my opinion, the only pertinent information is from when it left  
40 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries. We did not consider any information prior to that  
41 time. From that we can see that the boat first revved its engines soon after

1 turning on but did not move. Then it was moving at a slow rate of speed  
2 out of the canal, 5-7 mph, until it reached the ocean.

3  
4 Q. How was the boat maneuvering?

5 A. The boat was turning a lot. Much more than you would think. It was  
6 almost in constant motion, like a zig zag pattern. To me this indicates that  
7 the driver was uncertain as how to operate the boat or impaired or both.

8  
9 Q. Why?

10 A. There is no need to make quick changes to steering a boat. In fact, there is  
11 a delay in reaction, so quickly movements are not good operation. An  
12 experienced driver would gently turn and hold, not go back and forth and  
13 back and forth.

14  
15 Q. What did you learn from the black box about the driving in the ocean?

16 A. From the black box GPA it looks like they traveled out and went south,  
17 then east, then basically north, then east, north, then east again, before  
18 going north and stopping. You can see from the diagram the basic path. I  
19 marked a yellow dot where the boat was stopped for 34 minutes. The  
20 engines were turned back on and it continued on the path as seen on the  
21 diagram.

22  
23 Q. How fast was the boat going?

24 A. It was only going between 15 and 20 mph before it stopped. But after  
25 stopping it was going west and then south. It was going between 30 and 35  
26 mph while heading west. Once the boat turned back south rapidly  
27 increased speed as it maxed out and was going 71 mph all in a no wake  
28 zone.

29  
30 Q. Is that fast?

31 A. On a fishing boat? Yes. And quite dangerous given it was at night with  
32 only the stars and moon to light the way along with the ambient light from  
33 the shore.

34  
35 Q. How fast was the boat going when it hit the jetty?

36 A. According to the black box it was going 69 mph and after the collision the  
37 engines both burned out trying to run outside the water.

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41

1 Q. How long was the boat on the water before hitting the jetty?  
2 A. It was running for one hour and 3 minutes. That includes the time it was  
3 turned off in the ocean. So, after a little over an hour since leaving 15<sup>th</sup>  
4 Street Fisheries it stuck the jetty.  
5  
6 Q. Does Mr. Alexander's boat, a SeaVee 320, have lights on it?  
7 A. Yes, and I checked to see if the lights were on. They were in the off  
8 position. They could have been knocked off given the violence of the  
9 collision with the jetty or they may have not been turned on at all. The  
10 black box does not collect any light information.  
11  
12 Q. Did you back trace the night of Brandy Alexander.  
13 A. I did. From the credit card receipts I could tell he and presumably others  
14 visited several watering holes before heading out on their booze cruise.  
15  
16 Q. Were you able to speak with those that worked that night?  
17 A. Yes, I spoke with all the bartenders, who provided the receipts from the  
18 previous night. I also asked for and received surveillance videos from each  
19 establishment. The last two places, Shorely, and 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries, had  
20 limited video on the docks so you can see them getting on and off the boat.  
21  
22 Q. Showing the video from 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries. As you can see Mr.  
23 Alexander is not steady on his feet and almost falls when he gets on the  
24 boat. He always had contact with a rail getting to the boat. His body was  
25 slouched and gait is shuffling. Did that mean anything to you?  
26 A. Yes, it means that he is showing signs of intoxication that are impairing  
27 his motor skills. His balance is off. That would mean to me his reactions  
28 would be slowed and his judgment impaired.  
29  
30 Q. And you can see that Mr. Benedict is even worse for the wear.  
31 A. Yes, he is struggling to even get to the boat. You can hear him slurring the  
32 words, "I want to drive, you never let me drive."  
33  
34 Q. Showing now the video surveillance from Shorely, you can see that both  
35 men are much more in their faculties. And it is Mr. Alexander who exits  
36 the boat first and waits as Mr. Benedict secures the boat. Did that seem  
37 strange?  
38 A. It did, at first it led me to think that Mr. Benedict was driving the boat.  
39 But ultimately it is not who was driving 3 hours before the crash, but who  
40 was driving during the crash that matters.  
41

1 Q. Do you have any training in accident reconstruction?  
2 A. Yes, I have taken several courses, and I am board certified as an accident  
3 reconstructionist for both land and sea. I have also been educated in  
4 occupant kinematics.  
5  
6 Q. Based on that expertise what do you believe the evidence indicates as to  
7 who was driving the boat.  
8 A. Given the ejection of Mr. Alexander to the rear of the boat and the bruising  
9 on Mr. Alexander's chest it seems consistent with him hitting the steering  
10 wheel, as seen in the diagram, suddenly then as the boat flipped upward  
11 falling back on the left side of the jetty. Which is exactly where he said he  
12 ended up.  
13  
14 Q. What about Mr. Benedict?  
15 A. Given his lack of injuries and according to him not being ejected from the  
16 boat he seems to have been the only one in some sort of seated position,  
17 though I will note no one was wearing a light jacket.  
18  
19 Q. Was this DUI or reckless?  
20 A. My short answer is yes to both! I will leave it to the court system to tell me  
21 the difference. But it is fair to say that alcohol impairment was a major  
22 factor in the crash.  
23  
24 Q. What about the fact of the lights potentially malfunctioning?  
25 A. Even if one or two in the middle are malfunctioning it does not matter.  
26 The ones on the end were functioning and there is not gap in the jetty. You  
27 have to go around. Somehow, they drove in too close to shore at a rapid  
28 rate of speed and that sent Ms. Morrison to a watery grave.  
29  
30 Q. No further questions.  
31

1 Grand Jury Testimony of Bobby Denver

2  
3 Grand jury date: September 29, 2025.

4  
5 Attorney for the state is Lexi Birk.

6  
7 Witness is sworn in by the bailiff.

8  
9 Q. Please identify yourself for the grand jury.

10 A. I am Bobby Denver.

11  
12 Q. Where do you work?

13 A. I am in law school at Nova Southeastern, but I work as a DJ and  
14 bartender when I can.

15  
16 Q. Were you working on the evening of July 17th, 2025, which turned into  
17 July 18th?

18 A. Yes, I was the bartender at 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries.

19  
20 Q. You have any training to become a bartender?

21 A. Yes, I had to go through a few mixology classes and some safety training.

22  
23 Q. Safety training?

24 A. Yes, I had to complete a course about looking for signs of intoxication in  
25 customers and making sure to check identification to never sell to people  
26 underage.

27  
28 Q. Did you pass?

29 A. Duh, first try. I can spot a drunk 50 feet away! Plus, I remember from  
30 Hnylka's torts class about Dramshop liability, and I did not want the bar  
31 to get sued.

32  
33 Q. Do you recall Brandy Alexander being at the bar that night?

34 A. I do, he came in really late, we were open extra late that night, but Brandy  
35 and Bruce Benedict and some female were together. They arrived around  
36 1:20 a.m., which technically would be the 18<sup>th</sup> of July.

37  
38 Q. Did you see them get off the boat?

39 A. No, I was too busy with customers to notice who was coming in off the  
40 docks. I just remember Bruce being the middle with his arms around  
41 Brandy and the woman.

1  
2 Q. Let's back up; do you know Brandy Alexander?  
3 A. Of course, he is a superstar pitcher for the Guppies. We are lucky to have  
4 him. He will be in the majors soon I would guess so we are blessed to have  
5 such a rising star. Although he has been with the Guppies for almost two  
6 years now. I figured he would be fast-tracked to the majors.  
7  
8 Q. Is that the only way you know Brandy?  
9 A. No, Brandy is a regular. Not as regular this past summer as the summer  
10 before but he is here a lot. He and his boat driver would come often.  
11 Brandy would drink like a fish and then go out on his boat, which to me  
12 seems like a recipe for getting sick, but to each his own.  
13  
14 Q. Has Brandy ever given you anything?  
15 A. Yes, I have twenty autographed jerseys and fifty signed baseballs. I am  
16 hoping that when he hits it big, they will be worth something of great  
17 value.  
18  
19 Q. Let's talk about July 17/18. What was Brandy drinking?  
20 A. His usual, Michelob Ultra, and some "girlie" shots.  
21  
22 Q. What do you mean "girlie" shots?  
23 A. Sweet shots, like buttery nipple, slippery nipple, fuzzy nipple, he had a  
24 thing for nipple drinks – very strange. In my experience more women  
25 prefer the sweet shots than men.  
26  
27 Q. Did you see how Brandy was acting on July 18?  
28 A. Yeah, he was sus. Which is typical because even for a professional athlete  
29 he was mid.  
30  
31 Q. What?  
32 A. He had L rizz, like negative aura.  
33  
34 Q. I don't follow.  
35 A. (sighing) look he was frat ferdy getting 67 sendy. (hands move up and  
36 down).  
37  
38 Q. Why did you make that gesture?  
39 A. What gesture?  
40  
41

1 Q. You moved your hands up and down when you said 67 ... you did it again.  
2 A. It's just a thing, it does mean anything.  
3  
4 Q. Will you please explain to me, like I am an old person, what you said  
5 previously?  
6 A. Fine, gramps. Brandy was not impaired at all he was just his normal  
7 awkward self, flirting with the ladies but was having no luck. He had real  
8 negative vibes. It's how he was born.  
9  
10 Q. How specifically was he acting.  
11 A. He was slurring his words, but he does that when he is nervous, I have  
12 seen that plenty of times, it does not mean he is buzzing. He is a  
13 professional athlete, he was fine. I had no concerns whatsoever that he  
14 was in the slightest intoxicated. Most of all what I remember was that he  
15 was wearing a silly captain's hat.  
16  
17 Q. Why is that silly?  
18 A. Why is it not? A mid-20-year-old looking like Ernest Hemmingway is  
19 strange. Plus, he knew my name was Bobby Denver so he would always  
20 call me his "little buddy." That got stale real fast.  
21  
22 Q. You were not his friend?  
23 A. We are friends, but I am not his little buddy. I am actually taller than  
24 Brandy! He is only 5'11" and weighs a buck 90.  
25  
26 Q. How do you know how much he weighs?  
27 A. Baseball card and I go to the games. He gets a lot of torque out of a small  
28 frame. It's unbelievable how fast he can throw a baseball.  
29  
30 Q. Did Brandy drink that night?  
31 A. So the woman they were with was very friendly and she was talking up  
32 Brandy and Bruce to a new group of ladies. I think there were four  
33 including the woman. She convinced them to start chatting up Brandy and  
34 that made him happy. They started doing shots.  
35  
36 Q. Who is "they?"  
37 A. Bruce, Brandy, and the group of four. But Brandy only took part in the  
38 last round of shots as I recall. He toasted with his Coke zero the first three  
39 rounds.  
40  
41

1 Q. Showing you a photo. Is this the group that was hanging out with Brandy?  
2 A. Yes. That is the group that the woman they brought created. Brandy and  
3 Bruce are not pictured, but that is the group. The one with the Guppies  
4 jersey is the popular one they brought in with them.  
5  
6 Q. What kind of shots were they drinking?  
7 A. At first tequila, but Brandy does not like tequila, so he requested slippery  
8 nipple shots.  
9  
10 Q. Why did he care what they were drinking if he was not drinking?  
11 A. Brandy liked to be in control, and he thought it was a funny name.  
12  
13 Q. Did you make them for the group?  
14 A. I did. Four rounds. One patron and three rounds of slippery nipples.  
15  
16 Q. Were you concerned about serving so much alcohol to them?  
17 A. No, they were having fun and no one was fall down drunk.  
18  
19 Q. Did you know that this was the fifth bar Brandy and Bruce had been to  
20 that evening?  
21 A. How would I know that and why would I care?  
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23 Q. You have a responsibility not to sell to intoxicated people, don't you?  
24 A. I am a bartender. Who do you think I sell to? They were not too drunk  
25 while they were in the bar.  
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27 Q. But were they drunk?  
28 A. The woman in the jersey was the drunkest, then Bruce, Brandy did not  
29 show signs of intoxication and was drinking mostly Coke zero, but Brandy  
30 is also not very talkative. His speech when he is nervous makes him quiet  
31 down, and after being shot down when he walked in, he was kind of a  
32 beaten dog.  
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34 Q. Did you see them leave?  
35 A. Yes. They were literally the last ones to go.  
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37 Q. What did you notice about how they were moving?  
38 A. Well the woman was talking real loud, some crazy stuff about how OJ was  
39 innocent and it was his son that killed Ronald and Nicole. And bouncing  
40 around. I could not tell if she was wasted or just nuts.  
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1 Q. What about the other two?  
2 A. Bruce was fairly wiped out himself. He kept whining on and on about  
3 wanting to drive the boat. Brandy was fine, although it is hard to tell.  
4 Getting on boat is not the best judge of balance. They all struggled to some  
5 degree.  
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7 Q. You ever think about calling them an Uber?  
8 A. A boat Uber? No.  
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10 Q. Who drove the boat out?  
11 A. Bruce  
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13 Q. Bruce! The one you said was fairly wiped out?  
14 A. Yes. He just kept pestering Brandy about driving and I heard Brandy say,  
15 "fine, drive the damn boat, there is no one out to see us anyways."  
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17 Q. Showing you the surveillance video from 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries. You see  
18 here that Brandy is the one behind the wheel and Bruce is standing to the  
19 side while Megan, the woman, lays down at the front end of the boat.  
20 Doesn't that contradict your story?  
21 A. That video is a bad angle. The video is deceiving. Bruce was driving and  
22 Brandy was just giving the appearance of driving. Although, I just  
23 remembered, I heard Brandy say that he would get it out into the ocean,  
24 then Bruce could drive by himself when they got to the dark at the ocean.  
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26 Q. Well which is it? Was Bruce driving at the dock or was he supposed to  
27 drive only in the ocean?  
28 A. To the best of my recollection Bruce was driving from the dock. I do not  
29 know what Brandy meant by he could drive in the ocean, maybe he just  
30 meant he could drive faster in the ocean.  
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32 Q. Showing you the receipt from 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries from the night in  
33 question. Anything unusual here?  
34 A. No, looks fine to me.  
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36 Q. Then explain the seven bottles of Michelob Ultra.  
37 A. Well, Brandy asked if he could have a six pack for the road and we were  
38 closing so what the hell.  
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40 Q. Is that common practice to sell to go drinks?  
41 A. No, but Brandy is different.

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Q. I would say so, turn your attention to the tip. That seems out of proportion.

A. I told you Brandy is a friend and friends help each other out. He was generous. I am good bartender and make great drinks, strong drinks for my friends, and he was appreciative of the evening. Nothing unusual.

Q. Had he tipped you this much before?

A. No

Q. What was the largest tip he has given you in the past?

A. This was about five times larger than his largest tip.

Q. To the best of your recollection, what did Brandy drink at your bar that night?

A. Coke Zero. And one shot. And maybe one beer. The six-pack he took with him.

Q. About what time did you serve the last round of shots?

A. It was right at closing so I would say 2:55 a.m.

Q. Since that night have you had any conversations with Mr. Alexander?

A. Just one. In December Brandy came into the bar, ordered a Coke zero and said that once all this was behind him he thought he was in line to participate in the Miami Marlins spring training. He was finally going to get his shot at the major leagues.

Q. Did he tell you what to say here at the grand jury?

A. Absolutely not! I stand by everything I have said. No cap.

No further questions.

1 Grand Jury Testimony of Brandy Alexander

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3 Grand jury date: September 29, 2025.

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5 Attorney for the state is Lexi Birk.

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7 Witness is sworn in by the bailiff.

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9 Q. You understand that you are coming here voluntarily and you have the  
10 right to terminate the questioning at any time?

11 A. I do

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13 Q. You understand your attorney cannot be present with you in the grand  
14 jury room?

15 A. I do

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17 Q. Knowing all this and agreeing to give full and complete truthful  
18 statements you still want to proceed?

19 A. Yes

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21 Q. Please state your full name for the record

22 A. My name is Brandy Doyle Alexander. Some people call me B.D. which is  
23 for short "Big Deal." Because I am kinda a big deal.

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25 Q. I'm not calling you that. Why did you insist on testifying before the grand  
26 jury?

27 A. I wanted my side heard before another no-named prosecutor tried to make  
28 a career by taking down a big fish like me. This is all political. I'm  
29 innocent.

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31 Q. I can assure you we take the death of one of our citizens very seriously and  
32 this is not political at all. So, let's start at the end. Were you driving your  
33 boat when it crashed in the early morning of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025?

34 A. I was not. Bruce Benedict was driving.

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36 Q. You want us to believe that you were not driving your \$425,000 boat?

37 A. Correct. To be honest, As much as I love being on my boat, I actually do  
38 not know how to drive a boat. I have a captain, Alan Hale, who I pay to  
39 drive it.

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1 Q. It is your testimony that Alan Hale was driving the boat on July 18<sup>th</sup>,  
2 2025?  
3 A. No, see, this is all political, you don't want the truth.  
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5 Q. Then what is your story?  
6 A. While we were out bar hopping, I called Alan three times to drive us  
7 around, but he never answered the phone. So, I thought how hard could it  
8 be? Bruce knew how to operate and he is an idiot, so I figured it was fine.  
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10 Q. So how did Bruce end up driving?  
11 A. We picked up the boat from the marina, and it was clear that it was  
12 trickier than I thought to navigate the canals. So, Bruce said he would  
13 help and that I could drive out in the ocean where it was not so narrow.  
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15 Q. Is it your testimony that Bruce was driving the boat when you arrived at  
16 and left 15th Street Fisheries?  
17 A. 100%  
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19 Q. Now playing a surveillance video taken from 15th Street Fisheries. (Video  
20 plays). As you can see you are standing behind the steering wheel and  
21 Bruce is off to the side.  
22 A. Yes, but what you can't see in the video is he has one hand on steering  
23 wheel. I am just pretending to drive. Appearances are everything when  
24 you are a big deal.  
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26 Q. Why?  
27 A. I am not going to let my teammate upstage me in front of people.  
28 Especially the catcher that keeps messing up my chances of getting to the  
29 Show.  
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31 Q. But you claim to have a boat driver?  
32 A. I do, but that is a status symbol, like a water chauffeur.  
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34 Q. Let's talk about when you left 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries. Who was driving the  
35 boat?  
36 A. I thought I could handle it, but needed Bruce's help once again. We slowly  
37 left the dock and eased out to the ocean.  
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39 Q. What happened there?  
40 A. I was tired and just wanted to feel the rush of the wind, and Bruce was  
41 hounding me to see what the boat could really do, so I let him drive. We

1       drove out past where the city lights were not impactful and dropped anchor  
2       to look at the stars and shoot the shit.

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4       Q. Did you drink on the boat?

5       A. I got some Michelob Ultra from 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries. Megan was drinking  
6       them.

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8       Q. Did you drive again that night?

9       A. Nope, I never got the chance. As soon as we pulled anchor Bruce was  
10       master and commander. He drove fast and slow and all over the place. I  
11       was getting nauseated, so I told him to just go straight, please.

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13       Q. What did he do?

14       A. He put it in full throttle, and we were going so fast!

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16       Q. Did you say anything to Bruce?

17       A. Yes, I told him to slow down and to make sure the lights were on. He told  
18       me, "I'm the captain now, just enjoy the ride."

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20       Q. What happened next?

21       A. Not long after that stupid comment there was a huge boom! The boat hit  
22       something and flew in the air. I was tossed out into the water.

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24       Q. What happened after the boat collided with the jetty?

25       A. It was a huge surprise obviously and a very loud noise. As the boat lifted  
26       up I fell back into the water. I remember seeing the boat motor  
27       underneath me. I was there in the dark just looking up thinking about the  
28       destruction of my beautiful boat.

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30       Q. Were you not concerned about the safety of the others?

31       A. I guess, but really, a \$425,000 boat flipped over like that in an instant. It  
32       was the focus of my attention.

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34       Q. What did you do after you found yourself in the water?

35       A. I swam ashore. Went up to the boat. Grabbed a couple of beers and started  
36       drinking.

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38       Q. I thought you had stopped drinking.

39       A. I had, but after the day I had had, can you blame me.

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41       Q. But why just sit there and drink, why not help your friends?

1 A. Bruce is not my friend. He is my catcher and not a good one at that. He  
2 can't remember what pitch is coming and he missed three pitches in the  
3 game that day. I just met this woman, Megan, I had no idea where she  
4 went. It was super dark and she was not making any noise. How would I  
5 find her. Plus, she ended up on the opposite side of the jetty. I never even  
6 thought to look on that side.

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8 Q. Do you feel guilty?

9 A. About my casual drinking ... yes, but drinking and riding in a boat is not a  
10 crime.

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12 Q. About killing Megan Morrison!

13 A. I did not kill her. I told her not to sit on the end of the boat like that and I  
14 was not the one driving like a maniac. Why should I feel guilty, I have no  
15 blame.

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17 Q. Showing the witness a photograph taken at the hospital the morning of  
18 the crash. You recognize this photo?

19 A. I do.

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21 Q. That is a picture of you in the photo, correct?

22 A. Yes

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24 Q. This photo fairly and accurately depicts the bruising you had the morning  
25 after the collision, correct?

26 A. Yes, that is me and that is what I looked like that morning.

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28 Q. These are from the boat collision, correct?

29 A. No.

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31 Q. These are not from the boat collision?

32 A. No

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34 Q. Then how did you get bruising on your chest that looks like a steering  
35 wheel?

36 A. I was driving the other day and had to stop suddenly, and I banged against  
37 the steering wheel of my car.

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1 Q. When did this happen?  
2 A. I don't know, maybe the beginning of that week. I complained to my  
3 manager, Ted Daus, but he told me, "suck it up buttercup and pitch." Then  
4 I pitched terribly.  
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6 Q. Didn't you want to miss your start against Macon because they had a  
7 prolific offense and you did not want to damage your ERA?  
8 A. Did coach Daus tell you that? Look, I am not afraid of anyone. I rise to  
9 challenges. I was legitimately injured but coach would not even listen to  
10 me.  
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12 Q. I have heard you have a driver or Uber take you places.  
13 A. Usually, that became my habit, but I was running late, so I had no choice  
14 but to drive myself that day.  
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16 Q. How do you explain your injuries relative to Bruce Benedict's injuries?  
17 A. Easy. I was thrown into the water. That does not cause injuries. Bruce was  
18 driving. As you can see from this diagram of the boat that there is a seat  
19 that the boat operator can sit in. Bruce, as the driver had hands on  
20 steering and could brace himself from impact, then as the boat moved up,  
21 he would fall back into the chair. How else do you explain how Bruce was  
22 not thrown off the boat!  
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24 Q. Anything else you want to tell us about yourself or that night?  
25 A. Sure, I'm Brandy Alexander, from Carmel, Indiana. I'm 5'11, 190 lbs. I  
26 throw left, bat right. I am a pitcher, number 33 for the Nova Guppies. I  
27 went from high school to junior college at Florida Southwestern then I  
28 went to Coastal Carolina. I was the #3 pick in the 2024 major league draft  
29 by the Miami Marlins. When I am not at the ballpark I like to play video  
30 games, Mario Kart and Minecraft mostly. My birthday is  
31  
32 Q. Tell us about your prior DUI.  
33 A. Do I have to?  
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35 Q. You can do whatever you want.  
36 A. Fine, I had had a bad day. My first love, Emma, had broken up with me  
37 and I had a little too much to drink. At the time I was very much into  
38 bourbon and after a few too many a drove my car into a power pole. No one  
39 was hurt, I always wear my seatbelt. But I was not allowed to drive for six  
40 months and paid a fine. This happened in January 2025. I did all my  
41 assignments to be cleared from the court.

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Q. Last question. Why would you let Bruce Benedict drive your boat knowing how much he had to drink?

A. It was late. He had been pestering me to drive out in the ocean to “see what the boat could do.” It was refreshing to feel the wind, and I enjoy being on the water. It is wide open for miles and miles. Besides, there are no power poles to hit in the ocean.

Q. Correct, only jetties. No further questions.

**State of Nova  
Broward County  
25-CR-002378**

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Trial is set for February 21-23, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

Shah Hashemain  
Judge, Shah Hashemain

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Please answer all questions below:

On the count of Boating Under the Influence Manslaughter, we the jury find the defendant Brandy Alexander

\_\_\_\_\_ GUILTY

\_\_\_\_\_ NOT GUILTY

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Foreman of the Jury

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer all questions below:

On the count of Vehicular Homicide, we the jury find the defendant  
Brandy Alexander

\_\_\_\_\_ GUILTY

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Foreman of the Jury

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