

South Florida Law Firm Questions Security at Club Where Two Patrons Were Killed

Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A. Retained to Represent the Estate of Abdullah Luke

BOCA RATON, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--When Abdullah Luke took to the dance floor at the Caribbean Club in the early hours of Monday morning, a crowd was moving to the beat of the R&B music pumping through the speakers. By the time the 24-year-old's body was removed from the dance floor by the Medical Examiner's Office, the crowd was gone and the club was eerily quiet.

According to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, a gunman opened fire at the after-hours dance club in Riviera Beach at approximately 2:45 a.m. Mr. Luke died at the scene. Shalena Perry, 18, was rushed to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, where she later died. A third victim was treated and released. The county's Violent Crimes Task Force is investigating.

One of the many questions plaguing police is how the gun got into the club. Police Cmdr. Leonard Mitchell told the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* that the Caribbean Club employs its own security guards; two Riviera Beach police officers also were assigned to the club at the time of the shooting.

The law firm of Ellis, Ged & Bodden, P.A., has been retained by Mr. Luke's family. "We intend to thoroughly investigate this matter," Carlos A Bodden, a partner in the Boca-Raton based firm and the lead attorney on the case, said. "Our goal is to ensure not only that Mr. Luke's family gets the answers they deserve but that the nightclub has adequate security to prevent future incidents."

Mr. Bodden is a graduate of the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University who specializes in personal injury and wrongful death litigation. He is a member of The Florida Justice Association, American Association For Justice and the Caribbean Bar Association and is the former Chairman of the Board for the Jamaicans of the Palm Beaches, a not for profit organization dedicated to providing employment opportunities, education and health assistance to impoverished citizens in the community.

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