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## One minute 'in heaven' ... then gunfire

**■ Naples vacationers escape terror attack, but not without a scare**

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A Naples family vacationing in Israel witnessed the attack that killed four people in Tel Aviv late Wednesday, with the adults and children scrambling to escape gunfire and one child lost temporarily

in the chaos.

Rowan and Karyn Samuel were watching their children, listening to the sounds of kids frolicking in an outdoor playground after grazing at the adjacent Sarona food markets, when the gunfire exploded.

"I saw several people go down in an area that was very close to us," Rowan Samuel said in a telephone interview Thursday. "I ran toward the playground and screamed to the kids to run, which they all did."

"It was chaos, as you can imagine. We got all the kids off the playground and

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See more photos about the shooting attack in Tel Aviv.

we ran as far away as we could," he said.

Their group — which included Karyn's parents, Sue and Dave Waldman, also from Naples; her sister and her husband and children, from San Antonio, Texas; and an Israeli friend and her family — managed to escape.

But not 10-year-old Jacob Samuel. He

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Israeli police officers examine the scene of a shooting attack Wednesday in Tel Aviv, Israel. A vacationing Naples family was nearby and escaped unharmed.

## 'It makes him feel involved'



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Niki Colvin, left, a behavior analyst with ABE Academy, kisses Parker Seward, 12, Thursday at the Greater Naples YMCA. Twenty-four kids with special needs, who attend the ABE Academy in Naples, participated in the first organized event on the new ability field.

## ■ ABE Academy opens 'ability field' for those with special needs

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Zach Rosenberg sat patiently while the field dried after a noon rain.

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See a video and more photos of the ability field.

"It looks really fun and I can't wait to get on it," the 15-year-old said.

Rosenberg was among 24 kids with special needs from ABE Academy to officially open the "ability field" Thursday at the Greater Naples YMCA. The field is for adaptive sports geared toward kids with special needs.

Rosenberg has no favorite sport but wanted to play baseball during the hourlong clinic.

Adam Rosman, 16, likes hockey best but it wasn't on

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Ian Angiuoli, 10, center, scores on Tosan Popo, a midfielder with the SWFL Adrenaline soccer club, as Ikaika Alama-Francis, left, a former defensive end in the NFL, and Scott Ferries, a midfielder with the SWFL Adrenaline soccer club, right, look on Thursday at the Greater Naples YMCA.

## Enta Thai Spa

Almost a year after woman reported assault, owner arrested

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When a 21-year-old woman bought a Groupon last year for a massage at Enta Thai Spa on U.S. 41 just north of Naples, she expected to leave relaxed and pain-free.

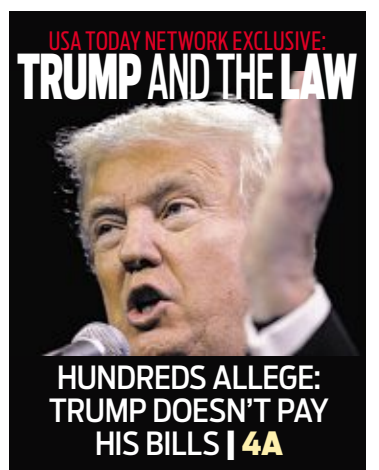
Instead, the college student, who was home for summer break, said she felt "disgusted," "taken advantage of," and "violated."

Bovaphanh Phomphakdy, the woman's masseuse who also owns the spa, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of sexual battery without serious injury. He is accused of penetrating the woman. Phomphakdy, also known by his nickname Enta,



Bovaphanh Phomphakdy

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# Hundreds allege: Trump doesn't pay his bills

By Steve Reilly  
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During the Atlantic City casino boom in the 1980s, Philadelphia cabinet-builder Edward Friel Jr. landed a \$400,000 contract to build the bases for slot machines, registration desks, bars and other cabinets at Harrah's at Trump Plaza.

The family cabinetry business, founded in the 1940s by Edward's father, finished its work in 1984 and submitted its final bill to the general contractor for the Trump Organization, the resort's builder.

Edward's son, Paul, who was the firm's accountant, still remembers the amount of that



bill more than 30 years later: \$83,600. The reason: the money never came. "That began the demise of the Edward J. Friel Company ... which has been around since my grandfather," he said.

Donald Trump often portrays himself as a savior of the working class who will "protect your job." But a USA TODAY NETWORK analysis found he has been involved in more than 3,500

lawsuits over the past three decades — and a large number of those involve ordinary Americans, like the Friels, who say Trump or his companies have refused to pay them.

At least 60 lawsuits, along with hundreds of liens, judgments, and other government filings reviewed by the USA TODAY NETWORK, document people who have accused Trump and his businesses of failing to pay them for their work. Among them: a dishwasher in Florida. A glass company in New Jersey. A carpet company. A plumber. Painters. Forty-eight waiters. Dozens of bartenders and other hourly workers at his resorts and clubs, coast to coast. Real estate

brokers who sold his properties. And, ironically, several law firms that once represented him in these suits and others.

Trump's companies have also been cited for 24 violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act since 2005 for failing to pay overtime or minimum wage, according to U.S. Department of Labor data. That includes 21 citations against the defunct Trump Plaza in Atlantic City and three against the also out-of-business Trump Mortgage LLC in New York. Both cases were resolved by the companies agreeing to pay back wages.

In addition to the lawsuits, the review found more than 200 mechanic's liens — filed

by contractors and employees against Trump, his companies or his properties claiming they were owed money for their work — since the 1980s. The liens range from a \$75,000 claim by a Plainview, N.Y., air conditioning and heating company to a \$1 million claim from the president of a New York City real estate banking firm. On just one project, Trump's Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City, records released by the New Jersey Casino Control Commission in 1990 show that at least 253 subcontractors weren't paid in full or on time, including workers who installed walls, chandeliers and plumbing.

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Zach Rosenberg, 15, right, prepares to hike the ball to Evan Raiser, 10, at the ability field at the Greater Naples YMCA on Thursday.

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tap Thursday. The group instead had 20-minute clinics in baseball, football and soccer after a lunch of hot dogs and burgers.

"I'm going to do a lot of football," Rosman said.

Developed by the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation in partnership with the Naples Children & Education Foundation and other groups, the scaled-down, baseball-themed field has a rubberized surface that can dry in 20 minutes after rain.

It's the first adaptive youth field in Collier County to serve kids with special needs, said Maria Jimenez-Lara, chief executive officer of NCEF. The YMCA is located off Pine Ridge Road near the intersection of Airport-Pulling Road.

NCEF sponsors the annual Naples Winter Wine Festival that raises millions for children's programs.

The field's rubberized surface is safer for kids with physical limitations compared with conventional baseball fields with slight dips and bumps. The scaled-down field is better for kids with autism to help them stay focused and reducing wandering, said Colleen Cornwall, executive director of ABLE. Located on Golden Gate Parkway, ABLE serves kids with developmental delays.

Marcia David is thrilled with the field. Her 15-year-old son, Drew, has autism.

"I think as a parent, it gives him an opportunity to feel like he belongs," she said, pointing out kids with autism often are left out of things. "It makes him feel involved."

The field cost \$500,000 and was funded by NCEF, Florida Community Bank, Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, the YMCA, the Home Base program and a private donor.

Another attraction Thursday was former professional football player Ikaika Alama-Francis who was providing instruction and encouragement on the field.

A Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation official asked if he would come out Thursday and he didn't hesitate.

He lives in Naples after injuries ended his football career. He played for the Miami Dolphins and Detroit Lions. He remembers having mentors as kid and wants to do the same now.

"I am excited about it," Alama-Francis, 31, said. "I'm going to be out here as much as I can."

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Alma-Francis was a defensive end for the Detroit Lions and played a year with the Miami Dolphins.

## GUNFIRE from 1A

disappeared in the melee.

"The IDF (Israel Defense Force) headquarters is right across the street, and there were just hundreds of IDF and emergency responders within minutes. You can imagine the scene of people running all the way through the mall area, all of them with guns, all kinds of yelling and screaming, people who are wounded, and not being able to understand the language, really, made it challenging for us to explain to them that my son was missing.

"We were going store to store trying to find where he was. We probably walked a six-block area yelling his name," Samuel said.

Only 20 minutes before, he recalled, Karyn Samuel had posted a Facebook message about the market, saying she was "in heaven."



Enjoying their vacation at an outdoor market in Tel Aviv several days before the attack are, back row, from left: Ari Friedman, Rowan Samuel, Karyn Samuel, Sue Waldman and Dave Waldman; front row, from left: Lisa Friedman, Alex Samuel, Jacob Samuel, Noah Friedman and Eli Friedman. The Samuels and the Waldmans live in Naples, the Friedmans in San Antonio, Texas.

While his family was trying to find him amid the crowd, Jacob was nearly inside the IDF building.

"The amazing thing about

this whole experience is that he ran across the street toward the IDF headquarters, and he hid," Samuel said.

When he felt safe to talk, Ja-

cob had the presence of mind to enlist a helpful Israeli woman to get his family via her favorite social media.

"I told her my mom was on Facebook," he said. The two sent messages to his mother, and called her.

It would have worked under normal circumstances. But the family group had been sent to a restaurant basement for refuge, closed in behind a heavy door with an IDF soldier guarding, assault rifle aimed.

"I had no phone service in there. He couldn't reach me," Karyn Samuel said. She had to trust her son would be safe. "I couldn't go there. ... I just took a deep breath and waited till it was all right to come out."

While they waited, emergency responders carried out the bodies of four Israelis shot and killed by terrorists. The terrorists had infiltrated the market in Hasidic garb to look inconspicuous. At least five more people were wounded in the attack.

When the family finally did emerge, Karyn Samuel's sister spotted Jacob, who had come back to the area with the Israeli woman.

It was an emotional reunion. And then Karyn Samuel began doing what she had seen her Israeli friends do in the past — posting on their Facebook accounts that they all were safe.

"I would see this all the time from my friends, and now I was the one doing it," she said. "This was like being in a movie."

The family came away with a new respect for the Israeli people. "Everyone was asking for a description, getting our phone number," she added. "The people have dealt with this before. There's a protocol here."

They also came away determined to continue their vacation in Israel.

Jacob and his 8-year-old brother, Alex, are still looking forward to the sights.

"I want to see the Dead Sea," Jacob said.

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was released Wednesday on a \$25,000 bond.

The Naples Daily News does not identify sexual assault victims.

"It was one of the worst experiences of my entire life," she said. "I felt like I was just a piece of meat."

Her frustrations didn't end with the assault. Though she immediately reported the incident to the Collier County Sheriff's Office and underwent rape testing the same day, an arrest wasn't made until Tuesday — nearly a full year after the assault occurred.

It took the Florida Department of Law Enforcement nearly seven months to determine the presence of male DNA inside the victim and send the report to the sheriff's office. Once the report was received by the sheriff's office, another two months passed before a warrant to obtain Phomphakdy's DNA was sought. It then took at least five more weeks before those results were returned to the sheriff's office.

According to police reports, the woman told deputies Phomphakdy inched his hands into her underwear before she felt something penetrate her.

"At one point while she was on her side and the male was standing behind her, she felt something warm enter her vagina more than an inch," the police report states. "She immediately told the male to stop and ended the massage."

"I'd never had a Thai massage before so I didn't know," she explained in an interview. "I thought he just needed to get lower on my back. I thought he knew what he was doing, so I trusted him."

She was unsure whether he used his fingers or genitalia, according to the report.

"It really upset me how he denied it immediately. He's an absolute scumbag," she said. "I never thought that could happen to me."

Phomphakdy, who co-owns the spa with his wife, denied the allegations when deputies interviewed him, saying it's possible the woman felt a bottle of oil he carries on his belt enter her, according to the report. He has no prior criminal record and no complaints filed with the Florida

Department of Health, which regulates massage therapists. Phomphakdy has been licensed as a massage therapist since 2012, state records show.

"There's no way that Bovaphanh Phomphakdy, who worked so very hard to establish this successful massage parlor, would jeopardize that business for a solitary fleeting moment of gratification," said John Musca, Phomphakdy's attorney. "He's an intelligent man. There's no way."

Phomphakdy's wife, Vanina Phomphakdy, agreed. She said in an interview that her husband's DNA could have been found in the woman if she touched herself after he massaged her hands.

When the young victim received a call from Collier Sheriff's Detective Scott Peterson notifying her of Phomphakdy's arrest on Tuesday, she broke down.

"I just burst into tears. I was a mess, but a happy mess," she said.

She hadn't heard from Peterson or anyone else working on the case since August. "I was absolutely shocked. I didn't even know other DNA had been found."

Part of the delay was the result of ongoing problems at FDLE.

"Our turnaround times are a result of an extensive loss of trained analysts and a huge influx of sexual assault kits that had previously been unsubmitted," said Steve Arthur, an agency spokesman.

Peterson also cited a heavy workload as a reason for the delay in seeking a warrant. "It took around two months because we're always in backlog," he said. "That's just how it works."

The warrant was issued on the same day Peterson completed it, according to the arrest report.

It typically takes four-to-six months for rape kits to be processed, according to Project Help, a nonprofit in Collier County that provides counseling for victims of sexual assault and administered the victim's rape kit. However, starting July 1, all kits must be tested within 120 days of their submission.

"Seven months is a long time to wait, there's no excuse for it," said Eileen Wesley, the Executive Director of Project Help, referring to the length of time it took for the victim's kit to be processed. "Hopefully this new law will give victims less stress in the process going forward."