

# Man accused of drowning naked dad in ocean

A 50-year-old Fort Lauderdale man is accused of drowning his father in the ocean after the elderly man, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, wandered naked on the beach, the Associated Press reports. Police said a grand jury could decide later this month whether there is enough evidence to indict Robert "Bobby" Yurkanin II for murder. He was arrested on suspicion of murdering his father, but is free on \$100,000 bond.

Robert Yurkanin Sr., 84, wandered from his upscale oceanfront condominium to the beach on June 15, then removed his swim trunks and stood naked on the sand, police said. He often wandered away from home as his Alzheimer's disease grew worse, neighbors said. Bobby Yurkanin found his father, then as shocked beachcombers looked on, he dragged him into the ocean, according to an arrest warrant.

A day later, Robert Yurkanin died of complications from near-drowning. Authorities said Bobby Yurkanin abused his father, causing his death, but he claims it was an accident. He told police he wanted to bathe his father because "he smelled bad," but the elder man soon fell limp in the water. A witness said the younger Yurkanin pulled his father to shore and performed CPR. An onlooker called 911.

"Get out of here! Get out of here," Bobby Yurkanin can be heard yelling during the 911 call. "Don't get any ambulance, I don't want an ambulance!" A woman can be heard in the background shouting, "He's trying to kill his father!" Bobby Yurkanin's attorney, Michael Weinstein, called it an accident, not murder.

"He's a grieving son," Weinstein told the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*