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Accused killer: 'I've got a psycho side and a normal side'

What turned Austin Harrouff, a high-achieving student and athlete, into someone who police say viciously stabbed a 'tequester' cousin? There are few clues in the life of Harrouff, 19, who police say learned into an uncontrollable face-walker.

BY ALEX HARRIS AND TONYAN LEVIN

Until he exploded in a convulsive rage late Monday night, Austin Harrouff appeared to be a gentle giant, a good student at Suncoast High School in Riviera Beach, a powerful athlete on the wrestling and football teams. He was about to enter his sophomore year at Florida State University, where he was studying exercise science.

"Austin used to be a quiet kid," a fellow student at Suncoast and FSU who knew Harrouff at both schools said in an email Wednesday. "He's actually nice, which is why this is so shocking to everyone... not the type of person you would expect this from. Overall his life seemed healthy and on the right track."

But there were also signs of trouble for the 19-year-old student. A YouTube channel containing multiple videos of Harrouff contains the statement: "I've got a psycho side and a normal side. I've lost my mind but you find it."

"I know what's right for me. I don't need drugs," Harrouff says in a video on YouTube of the channel, which features music videos under the name AustinPro. A friend confirmed.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Jackson coach ready for her historic debut

Former 'South Beach Tow' star Laketina Brunson, 29, will make her debut as head coach for Miami Jackson High on Thursday. As the first woman coaching high school football in Florida, she has spent the first six months teaching her players about respecting women as much as she has 'X's and O's.'

BY HANNY NAWABO

When she played the role of the ill-tempered Britton on the do-cu-drama 'South Beach Tow,' Laketina Brunson wasn't afraid to exchange body blows with the angry people whose cars she towed.

These days, Brunson still isn't scared to get mean on any of the plays on TV seems far removed from the person currently serving as the head football coach at Miami Jackson High.

This Brunson, or Coach B as she likes to be called, is measuring every step she takes heading into Thursday's preseason game against Coral Reef at North Miami Stadium. This will be her first game calling the shots, and also the first time in the football-coached state of Florida a woman does it at the high school level.

"I think I'm more nervous than the kids," Brunson, 29, said Tuesday as she watched her squad of 45 boys practice on a football field where the first school to be built in 1898.

"I've got a good poker face, but I'm always nervous. Like I told them, I had an anxiety attack when I first got the job. Nobody really knew that. It's just a lot to do (work). At the end of the day, being an athlete myself, when I played I was nervous. So, I think I'm going to be nervous for them every game. But my poker face is going to be on."

A former girls' basketball and flag football coach at Jackson, Brunson has been a physical education teacher at various schools from elementary to middle school to high school — in Miami-Dade County over the past 10 years. She was an athlete first, starting on the track and on the basketball court at Miami Northwestern in high school before continuing her athletic career at Florida State.

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The big chill

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This is a rendering of the planned 60-story condo tower Aubrey Residence 8 & Spa at 1440 Biscayne Blvd.

Miami's biggest developer construction of downtown

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