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South Tampa psychiatrist arrested, accused of pointing shotgun at pool cleaner
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TAMPA - A South Tampa psychiatrist told police he was only trying to get a pool service man off his property when he went to the trunk of his car and pulled out a shotgun in June, according to police reports.

Dr. **James Roy Edgar**, 64, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon Thursday after the State Attorney's Office issued a warrant.

Here's what the two men involved told police happened, according to the investigating officer's report:

Edgar told police he confronted Stephen Lafoe, 35, of Bay Area Pool Service, outside his home at 3105 W San Isidro St., on June 9 because he had repeatedly asked pool cleaners not to park in his private drive.

Lafoe said a work order for a customer in the neighborhood directed him to reach the pool through the rear entrance on an alley. He said he made two passes along the alley looking for the gate, but couldn't find it. Then he stopped to make some notes and plug in his next stop on his GPS.

That's when Edgar came out of his house.

Lafoe said he ignored the doctor as he yelled, but then Edgar went into the garage and came back with a shotgun. The doctor said, "I told you to move," as he pointed the gun at him, Lafoe told police.

The pool cleaner said he exchanged words with Edgar and then left. Lafoe called police.

Officer Marcelino Garcia interviewed Edgar, after meeting with Lafoe on S Dale Mabry Highway. Garcia said Edgar confirmed a confrontation took place, but disputed the pool cleaner's account about when he brought the gun out and what he did with it.

Edgar said the pool cleaner had stopped in the private drive for his townhouse complex, and that pool cleaners have been using it to service pools in the complex behind his. When Lafoe came back a second time and stopped, he went out to complain.

Edgar said he got the gun after Lafoe "mouthed off" at him, and never pointed it at the pool cleaner.

"Dr. Edgar carried it in port-arm position and then told the pool cleaner to leave," the officer wrote. "He never pointed it at the pool cleaner and only brought it out because he was afraid of the much younger pool cleaner."

Edgar was arrested Thursday on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was released from Orient Road Jail on \$2,000 bail.