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Arrests made in Wadmalaw Island homicide

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Deputies from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded around 8:30 a.m. today to Little Smith Road on Wadmalaw Island. They found a male dead in a yard. He had suffered an apparent gunshot wound. Residents told deputies they heard gunshots the night before but did not report it at the time. Detectives are investigating the death as a homicide. Anyone with information can call the Sheriff's Office at 843-202-1700 or Crime Stoppers at 843-554-1111.

UPDATE Jan. 10, 2022

Detectives from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office have arrested two people in last week's homicide on Wadmalaw Island.

The charges stem from the death of a male victim whose body was found about 8:30 a.m. Thursday at 1860 Little Smith Road. Investigators believe he had been shot Wednesday night, when residents said they heard gunfire.

Early Monday morning, Jan. 10, 2022, detectives arrested 16-year-old and 17-year-old males, both on a murder charge. The younger suspect was taken into custody without incident on Maybank Highway. The 17-year-old barricaded himself inside a home on Swallow Drive in West Ashley when deputies showed up there. After a standoff that lasted about an hour, the suspect was taken into custody during a SWAT operation before 6 a.m.

Information gathered by detectives during their investigation showed the murder suspects had traveled in a vehicle with the victim to Little Smith Road, where they got out. During the encounter, the victim was shot multiple times before the suspects fled in the vehicle.

Both suspects are being held in juvenile detention. Additional charges in the case are possible.

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