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Dinkins

Hagood

2 charged with murder in Save-Mart shooting

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SUMTER, SC (Nov. 30, 2017) – Help from the public combined with detective work helped lead to the arrest of a 17- and a 19-year-old responsible for the shooting death of a Manning Avenue store owner.

Police arrested Sincere Dinkins, 17, of 20 Walsh Grove and Lorenzo Hagood, 19, of 324 Curtis Drive, last night after they were spotted in the South Sumter community.

Both are charged with murder, attempted armed robbery, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, conspiracy and two counts of kidnapping.

Dinkins and Hagood were identified as suspects based on Crime Stoppers tips and other information gathered in the case.

Store owner Vijaykumar (*pronounced Vee-Jay-Cu-Mar*) Patel, 57, was shot and killed just before 7 p.m. Friday when two masked men armed with handguns entered the grocery on Manning Avenue. Two customers were ordered to the ground before at least one of the men began firing.

Patel was pronounced dead at the business he had run for several years. The customers were uninjured.

Both suspects have prior juvenile records that involved violent crimes.

They are being held in the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center pending bond.

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Approved for media release by Chief Russell F. Roark, III

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